

Tonbridge Memorial Garden Capital Plan Evaluation: As presented to FPAB January 2011

1 Leisure Services Other Schemes: Tonbridge Memorial Garden - Improvements						
	1	Specification:				
	(i)	Purpose of the scheme	The scheme will enable safe access for users of the Gardens, ensure the area meets an appropriate standard for the annual Remembrance Sunday Service and make this important public open space a more pleasant and higher quality environment.			
	(ii)	Relevance to National / Council's Strategic Objectives	(a) National:	Requirements of Disability Discrimination Act legislation.		
			(b) Council:	3b(key) Promote and support the sustainable regeneration and economic regeneration of Tonbridge town centre; 8a (key) Achieve a cleaner, smarter and better maintained street scene and open space environment; 10a (key) Work with partners to increase community safety by tackling anti-social behaviour.		
	(iii)	Targets for judging success	(a)	Site accessible to all.		
			(b)	Meet requirements for Remembrance Sunday Service.		
			(c)	Positive feedback from public.		
	2	Description of Project / Design Issues: The scheme will create at grade level through the Garden, provide additional paved areas for people to stand, improve seating, provide a power supply, enhance security, repair the memorial and install interpretation panels.				
	3	Consultation: The scheme has already been the subject of public consultation through an open meeting, and a Committee has been formed including representation from the Royal British Legion, Tonbridge Civic Society, local Churches, Town Wardens, and local Members. The Committee is chaired by Group Captain Patrick Tootall OBE, DL, RAF (ret'd).				
	4	Capital Cost: The total capital cost of the project is estimated to be in the region of £250,000. At the March 2010 meeting of Cabinet, Members decided to give an initial indication of support of £25,000 to the project (D100046CAB). Funding for the remainder of the costs will be sought by fundraising, grants and developer contributions.				
	5	Profiling of Expenditure:				
		2011/12 (£'000)	2012/13 (£'000)	2013/14 (£'000)	2014/15 (£'000)	2015/16 (£'000)
		25				
	6	Capital Renewals Impact: None.				
	7	Revenue Impact: Loss of investment income on the capital cost is estimated to be £1,250 per annum.				

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8		Partnership Funding: The Memorial Garden Committee will pursue all opportunities for funding including grants and a public appeal. The scheme could attract developer contributions.
9		Post Implementation Review: 12 months after completion.
10		Recommendation: Transfer from List C to List B. An equality / diversity assessment will be undertaken and reported to Members prior to scheme commencement.