

**For General Release**

**Meeting:** **Overview & Scrutiny Organisation Committee**  
Environment Committee

**Date:** **19<sup>th</sup> July 2004**  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2004

**Report of:** **Director of Environment**

**Subject:** **Old Steine War Memorial Railings**

**Ward(s) affected:** **St Peter's & North Laine**

**1. Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To inform members of the progress in response to the recommendations made by the War Memorial Scrutiny Review Panel.
- 1.2 To inform members of the wider implications of maintaining War Memorials.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Environment Committee nominates an officer within CityParks to co-ordinate responses and who will provide practical assistance within available resources to ex-Services Associations.
- 2.2 The Environment Committee note progress.

**3. Information/background**

- 3.1 The Environment Committee of 18<sup>th</sup> March agreed that the existing railings around the Old Steine War Memorial be replaced with new railings with a height of 3 feet 6 inches, subject to obtaining any relevant planning permission and the cost being less than £6,500.
- 3.2 An application for planning permission was submitted on 14<sup>th</sup> May for the new railings. The planning application is currently open for consultation. The planning officer has contacted people who gave evidence to the Scrutiny Panel to ask for their views on the application. The deadline for

responses has been set as 2<sup>nd</sup> July, and the application should be determined soon after that date.

- 3.3 The process of obtaining competitive quotations for the supply and installation of the railings has commenced, with the intention that the work can commence when planning permission has been obtained. It is intended that the new railings will be in place before 11<sup>th</sup> November 2004.
- 3.4 The pool of the Old Steine War Memorial was repainted this spring, and the stonework was jet-washed during the first week in June. The area around the Memorial is cleared of litter on a regular schedule.
- 3.5 In accordance with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel, an officer from the CityParks management team has been designated as the Contact Officer for matters relating to all War Memorials within the city. He has been tasked with writing to the Ex-Services Associations and the Mayor's Office to advise them of his role and how to make contact.
- 3.6 The Director of Cultural Services will be working with officers in his department to research and design an interpretation board to set out the history and meaning of the Memorial, in accordance with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel. It is intended that the board will be designed in the current financial year and installed in the next, subject to resources.
- 3.7 An officer within the Cultural Services directorate has been nominated to raise public awareness of the Remembrance Ceremony each year via City News, the press team and the Council website.
- 3.8 The Cultural Services directorate will also research and publish an article in City News to raise awareness of the Book of Remembrance in St. Peter's Church. It is anticipated that this will appear in the edition published before 11<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **4. Further information**

In addition to the Old Steine War Memorial, the Council maintains other Memorials throughout the city. These include the memorial in Easthill Park, Portslade. The flower beds adjacent to the Memorial, and the bed central to the park have been planted out with a special design to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day.

## **5. Consultation**

Considerable consultation was undertaken in the course of the Scrutiny Review process. The list of participation can be found in appendix 2 of the report of the Scrutiny Review Panel.

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**Financial implications**  
There are none.

**Legal implications**  
There are none.

<b>Corporate/Citywide implications</b> There are none.	<b>Risk assessment</b> There are none.
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<b>Sustainability implications</b> There are none.	<b>Equalities implications</b> There are none.
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**Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder**  
There are none.

**Background papers [Part 1 reports only]**  
There are none.

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