

Memorials Policy

Balancing respect and public amenity



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Purpose:

To ensure clarity for officers and the public in managing memorials in the public domain

What's Covered:

Plaques, public art, benches, trees, gardens, temporary and historic memorials (e.g. statues)

Key Principles:

- Compassion, inclusivity, and diversity
- High quality, sustainable, and contemporary design



Be healthy and
psychologically safe



Memorials Policy -Process

“One Council” approach:

- Drafted between City Parks, Culture & Events, Environmental Services and Highways
- Checked with Planning and Licensing
- Designed to ensure future maintenance

Scrutiny and Review:

- Policy has been through the corporate meeting schedules before a first review at Scrutiny
- The policy has been revised and is now returning to scrutiny before Cabinet adoption



Be connected



Memorials Policy – Key Changes

- Extension of timeframe for removal from 14 days to 28 days
- Clarification of permission and removal process
I.e. spontaneous displays not requiring approval unless going over the 28-day limit
- Better signposting of memorial options within the cemeteries estate
- Integration of existing roadside memorial policy (Circa 2015)
- “Historically significant” exception for 20-year rule (E.g. COVID memorial). Clear R&R with senior leadership



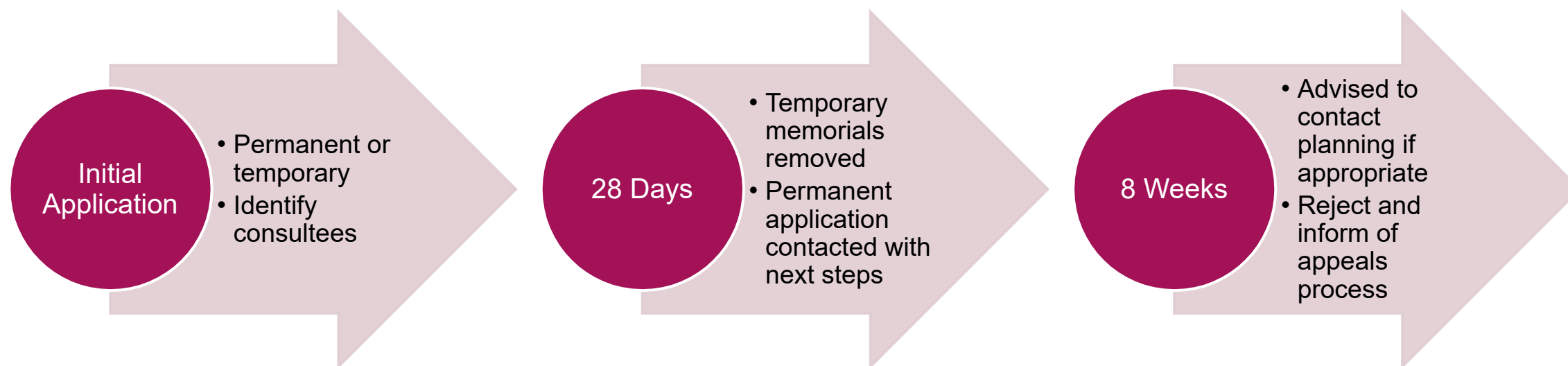
Be diverse
and inclusive



Application Process



Be confident



For temporary flower displays, officers will seek to contact the bereaved within 28 days

For a more permanent memorial consultees will be agreed with community cohesion colleagues

Removals to be carried out by city parks, or if on the highway, environmental services.

Longer term applicants referred to policy and advised to contact planning. 20-year rule check carried out.

Initial agreement granted if suitable pending consultee opinions.

28-day appeal process to Flagged to applicant if not granted



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Thank you for listening

Any Questions?