

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Licence to occupy to clean and repair the war memorial at The Prospect Garden Ross to Ross Town Council
Date of decision:	5 August 2021
Decision maker:	Assistant Director for Technical Services
Authority for delegated decision:	The Economy and Place Directorate's scheme of delegation dated 28 April 2021 (line 54) gives the Assistant Director for Technical Services the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Ross East
Consultation:	With parks team who are supportive of the grant of the licence
Decision made:	Approve grant of licence to occupy in to Ross Town Council to enable them to clean and repair the war memorial in The Prospect Garden Ross
Reasons for decision:	<p>The Prospect Garden Ross is owned by the council and comprises a formal garden accessed and used by local people as public open space. The war memorial, a grade 11 listed structure situated in a central position in the garden is the focus for Remembrance commemorations in the town and is now in need of cleaning and repair.</p> <p>Ross Town Council are prepared to carry out this work and are following guidance from and seeking funding from the War Memorial Trust and have applied for the necessary listed building consent.</p> <p>The works proposed are necessary to preserve the fabric of the monument, and the Local Authority Building Conservation Department have been consulted to review the works specifications. The works satisfy the requirements of Policy LD4 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy, and relevant National Planning Policy Framework policies; they will also preserve the special architectural and historic interest of the monument as required by Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990.</p> <p>The licence will be on the basis that all necessary statutory and other consents are fully complied with and all works are carried out to the standard required by the War Memorial Trust and in such a way as to ensure public health and safety</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Not granting the licence risks levels of maintenance of the memorial decreasing further as budgetary pressures increase and resulting in the deterioration of an asset highly valued by the local community
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Chris Jenner
Assistant Director for Technical Services

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