

## Cabinet Member – Resources

### 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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| <b>Cabinet Member:</b>   | <b>Portfolio:</b>   |                                    |
| <b>Cllr. A Lenny</b>   | <b>Resources</b>  |                                    |
| <p><b>Subject:</b> Proposed Polish War Memorial at Llanelli Town Hall</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> To consider the potential option of granting a Licence to erect a Polish War Memorial at Llanelli Town Hall</p>   |   |                                    |
| <p><b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b></p> <p>To approve the erection of a Polish War Memorial at Llanelli Town Hall on the basis that it is considered as a one off application and any subsequent applications from similar organisations will need to be considered on their own merits.</p> |   |                                    |
| <p><b>Reasons:</b></p> <p>To grant a licence for a Polish War Memorial at the current war memorial site at Llanelli Town Hall</p>  |   |                                    |
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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):**

None

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):**

N/A

**DECISION MADE:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting**

|   | YES / NO |
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| Recommendation of Officer adopted   |          |
| Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b> |          |
| Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>                                    |          |

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### Proposed Polish War Memorial at Llanelli Town Hall

#### 1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

##### 1.1 Background

Carmarthenshire County Council was contacted by the Llanelli Town Council with a request for a Polish War Memorial to be erected at Llanelli Town Hall. The organisation who requested the memorial are a voluntary organisation who wish to remember the Polish Veterans who served in World War 2.

Llanelli Town Hall sites other memorials for War Veterans including Burma Star Royal Air Force Association and Royal Naval Association Welsh Guards.

##### 1.2 Other information

As licensees the organisation are required to provide details of individuals to ensure the memorial is maintained and to be responsible for any future repairs.

The organisation was unable to provide details for the individuals. Cllr. Rob Evans has volunteered to carry the project forward as licensee and all costs and repairs will be Cllr Evans responsibility. Funding has also been provided by the Polish Embassy to carry out the works.

Example of the scale for the memorial as shown below:



##### 1.3 Recommendation

As the Town Hall site currently includes memorials for other veterans it is recommended that the Polish Veterans who served in World War 2 are remembered at the site. This project is supported by the Polish Ambassador for the UK, Dame Nia Griffiths MP and Hayley Edwards who is the Regional Armed Forces officer for Carmarthenshire County Council.

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| <b>DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?</b> | <b>NO</b> |
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# IMPLICATIONS

**ALL IMPLICATIONS REQUIRE SIGN OFF BY THE DIRECTOR OR HEAD OF SERVICE**

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jason Jones Head of Regeneration, Corporate Policy and Digital

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT  | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets | Bio-diversity & Climate Change |
| NONE                                    | YES   | YES     | NONE | NONE                   | NONE                  | YES             | NONE                           |

## 2. Legal

If the recommendation is approved, then the appropriate licence documentation will be prepared by the Legal Department.

## 2. Finance

The memorial work has been funded by the Polish Embassy and the non-profit organisation. Any further repair and maintenance will be Cllr. Evans responsibility.

## 6. Physical Assets

Terms will need to be agreed for an appropriate licence.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones      Head of Regeneration, Corporate Policy and Digital

### 1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

### 2. Local Member(s)

Cllr Suzy Curry – No objection to the proposal

Cllr Terry Davies has indicated that this a sensitive issue particularly in terms of fairness to *all the other nations that took part in the War and supported the UK.*

*In his opinion there is a chance that we could be setting a precedent and a division within the veterans as to other nations not having the same equal recognition, as their memorial is not standing tall with the others. In his view this is a delicate and sensitive issue that needs research with the Armed forces and possibly full council.*

### 3. Community / Town Council

Llanelli Town Council

### 4. Relevant Partners

N/A

### 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

### Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

**THERE ARE NONE**

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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