

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

World Wars Working Party

7 July 2020

1. Introduction

This report is to consult with Council on the installation of a Civilian War Memorial in the WWII Memorial Garden and a Mural facing the lake in Queens Park.

2. Report Details

2.1 To celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE and VJ Day in 2020, the World Wars Working Party has been looking into the possibility of installing a Civilian War Memorial in the WWII Memorial Garden off Groundwell Road within Queens Park.

2.2 There are numerous memorials to service personnel but nothing within the Parish dedicated to the civilian lives lost in the war.

2.3 The working party has consulted with three artists to design and install a memorial. Three designs have been received as attached.

2.4 Due to the short time frame available to get three designs these are the indicative costs from the artists to install –

Design 1 - £6,000

Design attached consisting of composite photograph panels either side of a laser cut stainless steel silhouette of a woman holding a child aloft with a Union Jack motif.

Design 2 - £8,500

Carved stone monolith of hillside and roadway with civilians and service personnel figurines representing those at home and those returning from duty.

Design 3 - £11,075

Designs attached of a globe of poppy flowers made of solid brass and enamelled red with weathered interior over time. Measuring 780mm x 1150mm on top of a plinth and with the option to illuminate from the inside at additional cost.

2.5 In addition to the memorial it is proposed to install interpretation flagstones in the ground around the memorial. However, these designs have not been firmed up and costs are therefore unknown and not part of this project until such time.

2.6 The Council previously commissioned a mural at Coate Water underpass which was very successful and involved hundreds of local children.

It is proposed to install a similar mural at Queens Park to replace the aged one on the 'bat house' opposite the lake in Queens Park. Designs are attached. the cost of this is £2,765.

It is intended to use school age children to participate in and complete this project, depending on safety during the Coronavirus outbreak.

3. Recommendations

3.1 To approve the design and construction of the WWII memorial in Queens Park using Design 1 at a cost of up to £6,000 as per 2.4

- 3.2** To obtain designs for installation of flagstones around the base of the memorial and the associated quotes as per 2.5.
- 3.3** To approve the Mural at Queens Park and associated cost as per 2.6.