

ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION REGISTER

Portfolio(s) decision relates to:	Culture and Heritage Planning	Name of Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Melvyn Teare
Name of decision maker:	Richard Shwe	Signature of decision maker:	
Name of relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	Public Services	Date of decision:	20 th July 2009

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Scheme of delegation reference under which decision is taken:	
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Has this decision drawn upon confidential information? <i>(If yes – please set out what confidential information has been taken into account on a separate sheet)</i>	No
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DECISION (Note this should be written in the style of a committee minute and should not include confidential information):

This decision is to develop a policy and procedure for considering proposal to erect new statues, sculptures and memorials in St. Albans. It will give guidance on where memorials are best sited, and the need to obtain planning permission and other consents. It will also set out alternatives to three dimensional sculptures and the necessity to identify the costs associated with installation and maintenance of permanent sculpture works.

In arriving at my decision I have properly and thoroughly taken into account the legal, financial and workforce implications for the Council. My decision is within the Council's policy and budget framework and complies with the regulations and procedures set out in the Constitution. I have explicitly considered the Council's corporate objectives in arriving at my decision. In coming to my decision I have consulted with all relevant parties as appropriate and in accordance with the scheme of delegation.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION

The basis for this decision is St. Albans has a paucity of sculptures, statues and memorials. Those that do exist are to the victims of the last two great wars reflecting a particular stage in the history of art and design. There is a new demand for sculptures, statues and memorials and therefore there is a need to establish this policy to assist those organizations and individuals in identifying where and what circumstances new memorials are acceptable.

Any proposal for a new sculpture, statue or memorial in St Albans should be submitted to the Head of Culture and Community Development for consideration before a planning application is made. Proposals should be presented at an early stage, before the design is finalised, for agreement on principles such as materials, location form and artist selection.

Planning Permission will be required to erect any sculpture, statue or memorial. If the work involves a listed building or structure (including walls and railings or plinths) that would affect the special architectural or historic character then listed building consent would also be required. In some cases consent or clearance may be required under other legislation, for example: the Highways Act 1980, the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, the Public Statues Act 1984 (section 4.4)

This should include a short opening summary of the reason for the decision. This is likely to be supported by additional narrative. Supporting and background information should not be directly replicated. These should be fully cross referenced at the end of the report under background papers – Local Government (Access to Information Act 1985)

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	REASONS FOR REJECTING THESE OPTIONS
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CONSULTEES

In making this decision, I have consulted the following people:

Name and Signature	Position	Date of consultation	Outcome of consultation (may cross reference to supplementary/backgro und sheets)
Mr Mike Lovelady	Head of Legal and Democratic Services	6 th July 2009	Agreed in principle
Mr. John Young	Interim Head of Planning	17 th July 2009	Agreed in principle

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985

Bibliography	Custodian	File location