

10. WALTHAM PARK MEMORIAL GATES - COSTINGS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to supply the Board with information regarding the budget estimate for the full restoration of Waltham Park memorial gates, and to respond on the proposal to apply for external funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Following a report to the Board on 19 September 2006 which included a Pre-Design Options Report, concern was raised by Board members over a contingency value of \$55,000 in the full restoration budget estimate.
3. At this stage no design work has been completed. As a result, staff felt it was prudent to apply for a higher figure rather than risk returning to request further funding and being unable to complete the restoration.
4. Establishing the full extent of the work involved, and an accurate budget cost for the full restoration work, will require design work to be undertaken.
5. The fee for design work is \$6,000 and includes engineer and CAD staff hours, engineers calculations, detailed drawings, building and resource consents, contract documents and tender prices.
6. If the design work is carried out now, a quoted price would be available for which to seek funding to complete the work.
7. The Council has not budgeted for this item this financial year and will be unable to carry this out.
8. The Council will continue to meet its maintenance obligations as the asset owner and will budget for full restoration within the next five years as required in the pre-design options report. Included in this budget will be the full design fee.
9. In addition, we are able to budget for landscaping within the next five years. This work will be completed in conjunction with the memorial restoration project.
10. In the meantime, the critical maintenance work involving the moss treatment has been completed and prices are being sought to complete the repair and re-pointing of damaged stonework.
11. The additional desirable work involving the painting of the balustrade is currently underway.
12. A previous report had requested a Board contribution towards lighting, however, on further advice it is preferable to include this as part of the full restoration due to the need to remove and rewire the lights through the main structure of the memorial.

Sponsorship

13. Advice has been sought regarding sponsorship for this project. A previous attempt by the Council to secure sponsorship for a restoration project, similar in nature, was unsuccessful due to the fact that the Council was the asset owner and responsible for the maintenance.
14. Funding for full restoration has been approved and will be budgeted for within the five year period as specified in the Pre-Design Options Report. Therefore, applying for funding where there is funding already available would be inappropriate.
15. With funding for this project being available, the Council may not qualify for sponsorship. In a number of instances only incorporated societies or registered charitable trusts of community based organisations are eligible to apply.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

16. Funding for full restoration and landscaping will be available within the five years as recommended in the Pre-Design Options report. This will be from Transport and Greenspace's Fountains, Clocks, and Statues operational budget. Landscaping will be funded through the City Environment's Greenspace Capital Programme budget for Amenity Landscaping.
17. Any Building Consents or Resource Consents will be applied for at the time of restoration.
18. All work will be carried out by a Council approved contractor.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board:

- (a) Support the full restoration, including landscaping, of the Waltham Park Memorial gates within five years as specified in the Pre-Design Options Report.
- (b) Note that Board funding for the restoration of the lighting will not be required due to further advice having been received.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be supported.