

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>National Evacuees Memorial - Notice of Motion Referred from the Council Meeting held on the 28 March 2013</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>2 May 2013</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director for Finance &amp; Resources and Monitoring Officer</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>Regency</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 the Council approved a Notice of Motion for referral to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 3.1 of the report concerning a National Evacuees Memorial be noted and the donation of £1,000 be approved.

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

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- 3.1 “This Council applauds the work of the Evacuees Association in highlighting the story of the great evacuation that took place in vulnerable parts of the country at the start of World War 2. Brighton & Hove played a key part in the evacuation, initially as a safe haven for over 30,000 evacuees from London, many of whom settled with local families. Then later, as the threat of a German invasion loomed, many of these children together with children from Brighton & Hove and other vulnerable people, were themselves evacuated to other safer areas of the country.

This Council welcomes the Evacuees Association campaign to establish a National Memorial to the Evacuation at the National Memorial Arboretum at Lichfield and notes the request from the local Royal British Legion Women’s Section that Brighton & Hove City Council make a contribution to the appeal, as other councils such as Barking and Dagenham have done.

Therefore, this Council resolves to request that Policy & Resources Committee agree a donation to the appeal of £1,000 to act as a lasting commemoration to the unique role of the evacuees, foster parents, teachers, nurses, billeting officers and train/bus drivers who played such a key part in the city's history."

#### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

4.1 The notice of motion has been published as part of the council agenda for the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

4.2 The 'National Evacuees Memorial motion was approved unanimously.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 The proposed donation of £1,000 can be met from within existing budgets as a one-off contribution towards the cost of providing a national evacuees memorial at Lichfield.

*Finance Officer consulted Anne Silley*

*03/04/13*

##### Legal Implications:

5.2 The proposal is within the Council's powers of general competence contained in the Localism Act 2011.

*Lawyer Consulted:*

*Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis*

*04/04/13*

##### Equalities Implications:

5.3 None identified.

##### Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None identified

##### Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 There are no significant crime and disorder implications foreseen.

##### Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified

##### Public Health Implications:

5.7 None identified

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.8 This would send a clear message about the value the city council places on this initiative.

**6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

6.1 None considered since this Notice of Motion was agreed by Full Council and the financial contribution is affordable.

**7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 The Notice of Motion was approved at the Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March and referred to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

None

**Documents in Members' Rooms**

None

**Background Documents**

None

