

Full Council

Date:	19 November 2019
Title:	Bench for Memorial Gardens
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report:

1. To provide background to enable a decision on whether to give permission to Thame Remembers to install a memorial bench in the Memorial Gardens in time for VE Day 2020.

Background:

2. In preparation for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in May 2020, Thame Remembers has requested permission to place a metal memorial bench (incorporating a plaque) within the Thame Memorial Gardens.
3. The proposed bench is pictured below:-



4. It is known that these have been very positively received when installed elsewhere.
5. The location of the bench, facing towards the Upper High Street Car Park, would be along the footpath that joins the Memorial ponds to the War Memorial. (See Appendix 1).

Resource Appraisal:

6. The total cost of the bench and installation materials (in excess of £1,000) will be borne by Thame Remembers.

7. The Memorial Bench will be installed by the Maintenance Team and included on the Council's insurance as a Town Council asset.
8. Future minimal maintenance would be undertaken by the Maintenance Team within existing budgets.

Risk Assessment:

9. Planning permission is not required for the installation of the bench.
10. The manufacturer / supplier is a recognised trustworthy and proficient supplier to the parish sector. There will be an initial warranty period.
11. If the bench has to be removed for any reason in the future the Council would inform Thame Remembers as is normal practice in such circumstances.

Legal Powers: War Memorials (Local Authorities Power) Act 1923 s1.

Recommendation:

To give permission to Thame Remembers to install a metal memorial bench in the Memorial Gardens in time for VE Day 2020.