

## Policy & Resources Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 April 2021</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>War Memorial – Additional Names</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Andrea Oughton, Asset Manager</b>

### Purpose of Report

1. To provide an update on progress made to install additional names to the War Memorials in Thame and Moreton.

### Update

2. Following approval to add names of servicemen, identified through the Thame Remembers project, to the War Memorials in Thame and Moreton Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer together with the Community Services Manager and Asset Manager visited the War Memorial to plan where the additional plaques could be sited.
3. It was agreed the seven names below the WW1 Panel on the War Memorial should be removed and incorporated on the new plaque with the seventeen additional names relating to WW1. The available space is approx. 75cm wide by 18cm deep so the names could appear in four columns of five names each and one column of four names as follows:

Bateman G A	Edsell G A	Howland H	Payne G	Tickner F
Bowler J W	Edwards S S	Lewis W J	Phillips R	Willis A
Burbridge D J	Green A H	Morris C R M	Rhymes L	Wilsdon H C
Chowns W	Hewetson R J P	North F J	Shaw D P	Wilson H T
Crick G	Hicks W E	Pask G A	Sutton A H	

4. With regard to WW2 names it was agreed to re-position the 'Date Plaque' and the second existing name plaque, and then to add a new plaque with the twelve additional WW2 names. The plaque would be the same size and orientation as the existing ones (approx. 24cms wide x 35cms deep) with the names listed in one vertical column in alphabetical order:

Bristow C  
 Cook H B  
 Freeman W  
 Harris E T G  
 Harris R F  
 Kiddy C S  
 Maskell-Dicker C S  
 Millard N K  
 Miller I M K  
 Ody H J  
 Phillips J J E  
 Tims T J

5. An additional plaque (same dimensions) will be required for one name from a later conflict, as below, but which will also leave room for additions from any future conflict:

Cyprus

(1955 – 1959)

Castle J A

6. Four companies have been approached and asked to provide quotations to supply the new bronze or gunmetal cast plaques.
7. For an indication of cost, from initial enquiries made 18 months ago, two plaques, each with an area of approx. 0.25 – 0.30 square metres, and each with 18-20 names consisting of an average of ten alpha characters the pricing was in the range of £1500 - £2000 per plaque.
8. There is currently £8,678 within Ear Marked Reserves for War Memorial Refurbishment. Funding for the plaques could also be sought from external grants. Grant applications could be made in the name of Thame Remembers, leaving the Town Council free to attract grants for renovation of the memorial structure itself.
9. As Thame War Memorial is a Grade II listed building (List Entry Number: 1391140) and lies within a conservation area advice has been sought from the District Planning Authority on whether the proposals listed above will be acceptable if a relevant planning application were to be submitted.
10. Moreton's War Memorial lies outside of the village's conservation area, but it has not yet been able to confirm whether the Memorial is listed. Notwithstanding, the two names:

Chowns W  
Crick G

will be added in keeping with the existing lettering.

11. It was originally proposed that the plaques be installed in 2021 to coincide with the centenary of the unveiling of the War Memorial in Thame by Lloyd George. However, as a result of the pandemic the timeline has had to be pushed back.
12. Possible dates to consider for a future unveiling are Remembrance Sunday 2021, a standalone event in June / July 2022 or Remembrance Sunday 2022.
13. The preferred option would be a standalone event in summer of 2022.

**Action Required:**

To note the report.