

**Report to: Council, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Report of: Chair of Environment Committee**

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**Subject: REFERRAL REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 – MECO MEMORIAL NATURE PARK**

**1. Recommendation**

**1.1 That the Council agrees an amendment to the capital programme of £30,000 for the delivery of additional works at the site, as outlined within the attached report.**

**2. Background**

2.1 At the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, the Committee considered a report on the procurement exercise for the creation of a “Park of Peace” in memory of those killed in a bombing raid on the Meco Works during World War 2. A procurement exercise commenced in June 2022.

2.2 A number of additional facilities have been identified to deliver the proposal, including a kickabout area, a boardwalk, steps, and link paths across the wetland to create a north-south route for pedestrians walking around the park. Additional capital funding of £30,000 is required for the delivery of additional facilities which are now proposed.

2.4 In accordance with the Constitution, changes to the Policy and Budgetary Framework are reserved to full Council to determine.

2.5 The full Committee report is attached at **Appendix 1**.

**3. Alternative Options Considered**

3.1 See attached report.

**4. Implications**

4.1 Financial and Budgetary Implications

See attached report.

4.2 Legal and Governance Implications

See attached report.

4.3 Risk Implications

See attached report.

4.4 Corporate/Policy Implications

See attached report.

4.5 Equality Implications

See attached report.

4.6 Human Resources Implications

See attached report.

4.7 Health and Safety Implications

See attached report.

4.8 Social, Environmental and Economic Implications

See attached report.

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**Background Papers:**

**Land to the East of Sanctuary Close / Hopton Street  
Pocket Park, Policy and Resources Committee Report, 8  
September 2020.**