REQUEST FOR FUNDS RELATING TO Funding a Union Flag for the Royal British Legion from the Hazel Grove Discretionary Budget

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report sets out a request for funds to support the cost of a new union Flag that will be flown from the flagpole at Torkington Park Hazel Grove.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1The Royal British Legion provides financial, social and emotional care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces - past and present and their families. The Legion is also the national Custodian of Remembrance and safeguards the Military Covenant between the nation and its Armed Forces and is best known for the annual Poppy Appeal and its emblem the red poppy. Founded in 1921, the Legion is not just about those who fought in the World Wars of the last century, but also about those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still fighting for the freedom we enjoy today.

2.2 The Hazel Grove Branch will raise the flag and be responsible for it's upkeep

2.3 The Royal British Legion requested a new flag in a recent Hazel Grove Vision Team meeting working with the District Centre Manager, Ward Cllrs, Traders and Local organisations working together making improvements to Hazel Grove District Centre. The request for funding is small but will have a wider community impact and add a sense of pride.

2.4 The request is for a hand sewn good quality 5ft x 3ft Union flag with toggles to hang it. The average price is £60

3. **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 The Area Committee is recommended to comment on the allocation of funding to the and to request that the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources approves the use of £60 from the Ward Discretionary Fund (Hazel Grove Ward allocation) to cover the cost of the flag.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

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