

Item 122  
Cleaning of War Memorial

### **Background**

At the end of October, the Rugeley branch of the Royal British Legion wrote to the Town Council requesting that we clean the war memorial standing outside the library in Albion Street.

A quote has been obtained from a specialist cleaning firm (attached below) and contact was made with Cannock Chase District Council to see if they could clean the memorial as it was understood to be in their ownership. The following response was received from CCDC:

*I have spoken with our Interim Waste and Engineering Manager and she has asked staff to have a look at this. We are able to clean the base of the memorial and part way up but would need scaffolding to work at height. Rather than clean half of the cenotaph we have just done the base. To answer your specific questions I don't actually know who owns the War Memorial-its assumed to be CCDC but I have never seen any documentation to support that assumption. It actually resides on Highway land in Anson Street being relocated from Brook Square. We don't have a budget for cleaning memorials so would not be able to contribute at this stage of the financial year. In terms of the quote we have never used this company so cannot comment on their ability but if we were doing it we would need to get 3 quotes to comply with our financial regs.*

### **Proposal**

Cllrs are asked to consider if they would like staff to continue to chase the owners of the war memorial to request a clean and possible offer to pay some or all of the cleaning cost.