

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 23 rd October 2018
Report Subject	Centenary Fields
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Corporate Management and Assets
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Centenary Fields is an initiative from Fields in Trust, in partnership with the Royal British Legion, to protect and preserve valued, open spaces that have some significance to World War One, in honour of those who lost their lives. The programme is one of a range of initiatives to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One.

A legal deed of dedication between Flintshire County Council and Fields in Trust will mean those sites designated as Centenary Fields will be protected in perpetuity, providing a legacy for future generations. Designating sites as Centenary Fields will reinforce the Council's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant and safeguard green spaces for the benefit of the local community.

A range of sites have been considered as potential Centenary Fields; the final list and maps are attached as an Appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	<p>Cabinet agree to an application be submitted to Fields in Trust to dedicate the following sites as Centenary Fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green opposite Croes Atti School, Flint • Memorial Gardens, Holywell • Leeswood Memorial Garden • Willows Park, Hope
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2	Cabinet authorise the Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust to be signed on behalf of the Council, if the applications are successful.
3	Cabinet agree to a series of events being held to mark the occasion of the sites being designated as Centenary Fields.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING CENTENARY FIELDS
1.01	The Centenary Fields programme, launched by Fields in Trust, is an initiative to honour the memory of those who lost their lives during World War One by safeguarding valued, open spaces in perpetuity for future generations. The programme aims to have at least one green space in each local authority area. Coronation Gardens in Buckley, owned by the Town Council has successfully applied to become a Centenary Field.
1.02	There are certain criteria that must be met before a site can be considered a Centenary Field, including a connection with World War One and the site must also be accessible to members of the local community.
1.03	Process for determining sites Town and Community Councils were asked if there were any potential sites in their area which they wished to be considered as Centenary Fields. Several sites were suggested and following visits to the sites and consultation with the Council's Legal, Estates, Streetscene and Planning services, a final list of sites to be nominated as Centenary Fields was agreed.
1.04	The final list of sites to be considered as Centenary Fields is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green opposite Croes Atti School, Flint – an area of green land to remember the local men who fought in World War One, of whom over 120 lost their lives. • Memorial Gardens, Holywell - an existing memorial commemorating those who lost their lives in the Boer War, the First and Second World War • Leeswood Memorial Garden- an existing memorial commemorating those from Leeswood and Pontblyddyn area who died in the First and Second World War • Willows Park, Hope - Hope Parish has researched and published a booklet remembering the local men who fought in the First World War, some of whom lost their lives. Dedicating Willow Park as a Centenary Field will commemorate these men and their contribution to World War One.
1.05	Fields in Trust also made initial visits to proposed sites to assess their suitability prior to the Council submitting applications for each site, following Cabinet approval.
1.06	Fields in Trust will provide a commemorative plaque to be displayed on each

	site designated as Centenary Fields to show their new status. These sites will contribute to the Armed Forces Covenant in Flintshire and demonstrate the Council's commitment to the Armed Forces community.
1.07	Implications If the application for the sites is successful, the existing arrangements for managing and maintaining the sites will remain the same. Once the Deed of Dedication has been signed the resulting restriction will be required to be registered with the Land Registry.
1.08	The decision is legally binding, protecting the site from future development or from being considered a disposable asset. Consent will be required from Fields in Trust for any future change to the use of the sites that are outside of the terms agreed in the Deed.
1.09	Timeframes The final date by which all applications for Centenary Fields need to be submitted to Fields in Trust is 11 th November 2018. All Deeds of Dedication must be completed by May 2019.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	Changes to the site will need to be registered with the Land Registry at a cost of £80 for up to three titles.
2.02	Plaques will be provided by Fields in Trust but the Council will be responsible for the installation.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	Consultation has been undertaken with Town and Community Councils, Estates, Legal Services, Planning and Streetscene.
3.02	Further consultation will take place with the Town and Community Councils prior to the applications being submitted to Fields in Trust.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	All sites, if the applications are successful will be accessible and affordable to the public as these criteria need to be met as part of the application process.
4.02	The existing arrangements for managing and maintaining the sites will continue.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 List of proposed sites and maps.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Centenary Fields</p> <p>Contact Officer: Fiona Mocko, Strategic Policy Advisor Telephone: 01352 702122 E-mail: fiona.mocko@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>Centenary Fields: a programme developed in partnership with The Royal British Legion and Fields in Trust to protect parks, playing fields and other recreational spaces in perpetuity to honour the memory of the millions who lost their lives in World War I.</p> <p>Deed of Dedication: applies to land that has been set aside for public use and states exactly what the property will be used for.</p> <p>Fields in Trust: a charity established to work in partnership with landowners to protect land through a Deed of Dedication which allows it to be protected in perpetuity for current and future generations to enjoy.</p>