

Report of the Chief Executive

GRANT AID REQUEST1. Purpose of report

To invite Councillors to consider recommending to the Finance and Resources Committee that the Council make a financial contribution towards a memorial for Owen Jenkins.

2. Background

Councillors will know from previous discussions at Full Council that a local boy, Owen Jenkins drowned in 2017 in the River Trent, whilst saving some friends who had got into trouble having entered the water. This event has resulted in not just local water safety measures but initiatives throughout Nottinghamshire to improve water safety. Owen's family have set up a charity, called the OWEN network, which is now promoting open water safety amongst schools in Nottinghamshire.

Owen's family and the local community have raised £2,000 towards the £3,500 cost of a memorial for Owen near the location where he died. The Committee is asked to consider a recommendation to Finance and Resources Committee that the Council make a contribution of £1,500 towards this cause.

3. Financial implications

Finance and Resources administer the grants budget within which a provision of £1,500 could be made to support the memorial for Owen Jenkins.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER a recommendation to Finance and Resources Committee that £1,500 be committed from the grants budget in 18/19 as a contribution towards a memorial for Owen Jenkins and RESOLVE accordingly.

Background papers

Nil