

EX30. GRANGEMOUTH SPITFIRE MEMORIAL TRUST

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services setting out a proposal that the Council adopts the replica Spitfire and war memorial wall site in Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth.

The land upon which the replica Spitfire and war memorial wall are sited is currently leased by the Council to the Spitfire Memorial Trust at a cost of £50 per annum. The Council provides the maintenance for the site, but not for the Spitfire or for the wall. The Memorial Trust had proposed that the Council adopt the site thereby assuming maintenance responsibilities for both. The Memorial Trust would pay a commuted sum toward future maintenance. The report summarised the likely implications of the proposal together with an overview of the anticipated costs involved.

During the discussion, members sought information on events which are planned to mark the anniversary of significant dates in both WWI and WWII. The Convener asked that officers prepare and circulate a diary of planned events.

Decision

The Executive agreed to take over maintenance responsibilities for the replica Spitfire and war memorial wall at Bo'ness Road Grangemouth subject to negotiation with the Spitfire Memorial Trust on an acceptable commuted sum towards future maintenance costs.