



Subject:	George Best Memorial Sculpture
Date:	24 March 2017
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The Council has been offered the gift of a sculpture of George Best on the basis that the Council will arrange for installation on Council property accessible to the general public. It is proposed that the Council would provide a location on the new Olympia boulevard.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Council is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Accept the gift of a George Best sculpture and facilitate the installation on the new boulevard at Olympia to be completed in 2018.
3.0	Main report
3.1	A small art group, Lecale Bronze, is preparing to raise funds by way of public donation to complete a bronze life size sculpture of George Best. The group has offered to gift the completed sculpture on the basis that the Council will arrange for installation of the sculpture on property accessible to the general public.
3.2	The artists (Tony Currie, Jeremy Flanagan and James G. Miles) see a location at the new Olympia entrance area as a welcoming and easily accessible venue to all members of the public both local and international to view and be photographed with a statue of George Best. The art group advise that members of the Best family have viewed images of the statue,

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p>have approved the quality of the work and assured them of their support. The group has also advised that this location would be acceptable to the Best family.</p> <p>The fundraising for completion of the piece in bronze will be carried out by the art group via a crowdfunding website. Completion costs are estimated at £37,000 for artist fees, foundry costs and materials, plus there will be an additional fee for the fundraising website. The group anticipate that the fundraising and sculpture will be completed well ahead of completion of the boulevard in Spring 2018. The George Best name is a trademark and the art group is in the process of arranging for a licence for the fundraising effort.</p> <p>On completion and installation the George Best statue would become the property of the Council for the purposes of ownership and maintenance.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The sculpture will be gifted to the Council free of charge. There will be capital and resource costs associated with the installation of the piece. It is anticipated that these costs can be met within the current Olympia Regeneration Project, to be confirmed on completion of design.</p> <p><u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 (a-c) - Photographs of sculpture in progress</p>