



PAPER A – MEMORIAL BENCHES

POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this Report is to recommend Members agree to an increase in the charge for memorial benches.

1) Background

The current cost of a memorial bench from Ventnor Town Council is £1,500 plus VAT and this includes the memorial plaque, installation of the bench, and a five-year maintenance plan. The benches are made by Ventnor Community Shed and installed by the Maintenance Manager of Ventnor Town Council.

The cost for a memorial bench from Island Roads is approximately up to 3,500 which includes:

- *Site assessment*
- *Liaison with the Isle of Wight Council*
- *Bench*
- *Plaque*
- *Engraving*
- *Delivery*
- *Plinth (if applicable)*
- *Installation*
- *Regular inspections*
- *Maintenance until end of March 2038*

2) Proposal

It is proposed to increase the cost of a memorial bench from Ventnor Town Council to £2,250 plus VAT including the memorial plaque, installation of the bench and a five-year maintenance plan.

3) Recommendation

It is recommended that members approve the proposed increase for memorial benches.