

To receive a report on the sponsorship of St Luke's Hospice Guiding Lights Art Trail and consider any actions and associated expenditure

Report to: FTC

Date of Report: 24.09.25

Officer Writing the Report: Office Manager / Assistant to the Town Clerk

Officers Recommendations

Members are asked to consider supporting St Luke's Hospice's Guiding Lights Art Trail, scheduled to take place in 2026, by sponsoring Brunel Primary Schools 'Little Light' Sculpture in memory of The Late Grahame O'Donoghue at a total cost of £495+VAT to be allocated to budget code 6202 PF Civic Occasions.

Report Summary

St Luke's Hospice are launching an art trail in 2026 titled Guiding Lights, featuring 40 large lighthouse sculptures (each 2.5 metres tall) placed across a public trail for a period of 10 weeks.

As part of the initiative, participating schools that have secured a 'Little Light' which is a smaller 1-metre version of the sculpture. Schools will decorate their lighthouse sculpture in their own creative style. These smaller sculptures will be collected and displayed at The Box, Plymouth's Museum and art gallery, throughout the duration of the trail.

Schools are encouraged to incorporate themes of remembrance and loss into their designs, with opportunities for assemblies and educational programmes to support this experience. St Luke's have confirmed that all 'Little Lights' have now been allocated, with Brunel Primary School among the recipients.

The cost of each sculpture is subsidised, as the project aims to raise funds to support patient care through affiliated fundraising efforts. Schools will retain their decorated sculptures after the trail concludes.

Each sculpture will feature a plaque detailing the meaning behind the design, as described by the school and, if applicable, the name of any sponsoring partner.

In addition to the main trail, 10 roaming sculptures will visit various locations including Torpoint, Tavistock, Salcombe, and Saltash. Saltash has been confirmed as a host location for a two-week period. While the exact site is yet to be finalised, it is anticipated that the sculpture will be displayed at the St Luke's shop on Fore Street.

Further information about the Guiding Lights project can be found on St Luke's website <https://www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk/guiding-lights/>

The Mayor was approached by Cornwall Councillor Frank, who advised that local primary schools had registered interest in participating in St Luke's Hospice's Guiding Lights Art Trail. In light of this, it was considered appropriate to bring the matter before the Town Council for consideration, with a view to sponsoring Brunel Primary School's 'Little Light' sculpture as a way of commemorating former Town Council employee, The Late Grahame O'Donoghue.

How Does This Meet the Business Plan?

This initiative and support would support Strategic Priority 1 - To support the enhancement of community engagement by providing grants and funding for local events, community initiatives and programs.

Budgets

Budget Availability: £8,895.00

Budget Codes: 6202 PF Civic Occasions (including Road Closures)

Committed Spend: £4,425

Recommend Virements: £2,500

Estimated budget remaining: £2,545

Signature of Officer:

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