

**Date:** 01 August 2019

**Title:** Report Item 12 – Noticeboard replacement

**By:** M Keller (Chair of the Council)

**Purpose:** To provide information on a suitable replacement noticeboard in Downlands Way

**Recommendations:** a) To note the report  
b) To approve the replacement in principle subject to budgetary considerations

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Parish council notice boards are a legal requirement as agendas, minutes, accounts and elections must be posted physically in prominent positions around the parish. Despite the PC presence on line it is still important to have physical notices. The council currently has three notice boards, at the entrance to Windmill Lane, in the Village car park next to the Village Hall notice board and in the Downlands Way shopping area. Of these, the latter is arguably the one most likely to be seen by residents. However, it is currently in a poor state of repair as well as being drab and uninviting. It may be said to positively invite passers-by to ignore it!

Following the excellent regeneration of the shopping area, masterminded by Cllr. D'Urso, it would be a good time to consider replacing the council notice boards with more modern and visually attractive ones. Both the Residents' Association and the Village Hall Trust have recently replaced their notice boards with metal ones, which are much more eye-catching than the old wooden ones they replaced. The VHT obtained their notice board from a specialist provider ([www.noticeboardcompany.com](http://www.noticeboardcompany.com)) and it is felt that a replacement board from this supplier (or similar) would enhance the Parish Council profile in this area and be a better option than continuing to repair the existing boards.

An example of the replacement board is shown below. It features a lockable fastening, single side hinge (so no central bar to restrict view) and magnetic fastenings rather than drawing pins.



At a size of 750x750 mm (sufficient for 6xA4 sheets) the cost would be £189 +VAT. Other options are available at extra cost.

The council is asked at this stage whether to approve the notice board replacement in principle and, if so, whether to fund the replacement from this year's budget or to defer to the next budget round.

There is only £100 in this year's budget for notice boards. However, there is also a general contingency budget of £1,320 from which the balance of £89 might be taken.