Report No. TC04317 Appendix: E Agenda Item No. 9	Council Date of Meeting: 13/09/2017

Oakham Town Council

Report Author: Cllr Adam Lowe	Title: Lampost Poppies

Subject: Support the National remembrance in November with Large Poppies on lampposts.

Strategic Aim No: (1) Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay.
        (2) Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups.

Oakham Town Council are being asked to support The Royal British Legion this year by purchasing and placing large poppies on the lamp posts on the High Street and Church Street.
Last year Shropshire had a successful local campaign with 'Lamp Post Poppies'
 The Royal British Legion Leicestershire and Rutland are keen to do this in Leicestershire and Rutland this year. The suggested contribution towards the cost is £3 per poppy.

Orders needed to be placed by the 1st September, with Payment due by 1st December.
The supplier is aware and if the Town Council agree then we can still source the poppies.

RCC Highways may need to be made aware and clarification on the regulations for displaying the poppies on lamp posts so that they don't obstruct sightlines. RCC Highways are aware of this project, and some RCC County Councillors have expressed their support.

There is a total of 15 street lights on the High Street and Church Street, with one poppy per post this would cost £45, which would benefit the Royal British Legion.

The Town Council contractor, G R Gregg, should be approached about the installation as there would be a requirement to work at height installing the poppies.

Proposal to be considered:

(1) The Council agrees to support the scheme and obtain 15 Poppies and approves the £45 expenditure which would benefit the Royal British Legion

(2) The Clerk to the Council requests permission from the County Council Highways to display the poppies

(3) The Council request the Clerk to arrange for the Poppies to be in place over the commemoration period in November and to approve the expenditure of £100 for installation and removal