

H.N. Dewey Will Trust

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1. Purpose of the Report

Wiltshire Council would like to make sure that Warminster Town Council is legally recognised as the proper beneficiary of the H.N. Dewey Will Trust and that Warminster Town Council is the successor to West Wiltshire District Council in this matter and disbursements are therefore devolved to the Town Council.

2. Background

Harold Dewey was a past chairman of Warminster Urban District Council who left a legacy for the benefit of the Warminster community. Originally, disbursements were made by West Wiltshire District Council. Following the creation of district councils, disbursement was devolved to Warminster Town Council.

However, two years ago, new trustees wished to be assured that such disbursement was properly in the gift of Warminster Town Council rather than Wiltshire Council as the successor to West Wiltshire District Council.

3. Main considerations

Wiltshire Council has resolved that it has no claim to the legacy. Wiltshire Council is minded to advise current trustees that the legacy is rightly disbursed via Warminster Town Council.

4. Recommendation

Warminster Area Board approves the decision to legally recognise Warminster Town Council as the proper beneficiary of the H.N. Dewey Will Trust and that Warminster Town Council is the successor to West Wiltshire District Council in this matter and disbursements are therefore devolved to the Town Council.

