**Baby Memorial Working Group**

**Tuesday 20 April 2021 at 6pm**

**Online Meeting**

**In Attendance**

The meeting was attended by 4 parents plus stakeholders.

**Meeting Summary**

Liz Murphy provided an update on activity since the previous meeting of the group. In particular, Liz highlighted that consultation had been impacted by lockdown and had moved online. Liz shared a high-level summary of responses to the questionnaire (copy attached) and highlighted:

* Results appeared to show a preference for a statue/structure and a garden
* A large no of parents wished to include the names of babies.
* The moods being sought by parents for the memorial included peace, reflectiveness, inspiration and hopefulness. It was noted these moods meant different things to different people and would feed into the design process.
* A place to sit and flowerbeds were key features sought by parents, which tied in with a garden setting
* A private but not isolated space in a public place was sought for the memorial

A constructive conversation followed on how the proposals for the memorial might be taken forward.

It was agreed that the next step would be identifying locations. Based on the suggestions from the questionnaire it was agreed that initially the parents of the group would scope 3 or 4 locations with support from Fife Council. Public access and antisocial behaviour were raised as key factors for consideration. Visits to be arranged May/June 2021. Reflecting the feedback from the questionnaire initial locations identified for consideration included:

* Lochore Meadows
* Beverage Park
* Riverside Park, Glenrothes

In parallel it was agreed work should commence on development of an initial possible brief for a memorial. It was agreed the brief should seek to reflect lessons learned from other baby memorials.

**Next Steps**

It was agreed the Council would:

* Share the note of this meeting with parents by way of a progress update
* Arrange site visits to identified locations
* Commence work on development of a possible brief for the memorial

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held online in June 2021