

Report to the Community & Town Promotion Committee 7th April 2016

King Athelstan Sculpture

1. Background

- 1.1 King Athelstan is one of the most important figures in our local history, Malmesbury remembers this great king for the grant of land, five hides to the south west of the town (about 600 acres or 260 hectares.) This land is held by the Warden and Freemen of Malmesbury to this day. And he confirmed the charters from his father, Edward and his grandfather, Alfred.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 To invite discussion to raise funds to erect a statue of King Athelstan in Malmesbury.

3. Financial Implications and risks

- 3.1 It is estimated that the work will cost in the region of £16,000-£17,000
- 3.2 In the event that the Town Council leads on this project then any contract would need to be awarded by competition.
- 3.3 Consideration will need to be given for a suitable location in which to display the sculpture.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the committee considers the proposal and takes appropriate action.

Councillor S Cox