

## AGENDA ITEM No 8

### Analysis of the Drake Statue online survey undertaken August 2020

A detailed analysis of each question in the survey is available as an appendix to this report. Overall, the picture formed from reading the survey responses is that the majority of the 165 respondents agree with the council's approach of keeping the statue in situ and adding historical information and context to reflect the entire history of Drake, both positive and negative.

The councillors appointed to work with Tavistock Heritage Trust have also received and considered information from Tavistock History Museum, Tavistock Local History Society, The Box museum in Plymouth, local private historians, individuals involved with the Black Lives Matter movement, and individuals who have expressed an interest to the council via email or other means.

Having secured a grant from Historic England, Tavistock Heritage Trust is curating and designing the information panel using funds from the grant to cover any associated costs other than possibly the cost of photos of the statue and bas relief panels. It was discovered recently that the Town Council does not own any high-definition photos of the statue or the panels and this is not a cost that was included as part of the grant application. The matter of any requirements around planning consent and associated costs is being explored by the architect acting on behalf of THT.

As a result of having finished our initial consultation with the community, we are now seeking approval from council for the following:

1. Commissioning a set of high-definition photos of the statue, including the three unique bas relief panels, for which the council retains copywrite, which can be used in electronic and print media. £500?
2. Adding a separate page to the council website for the full history of the erection of the statue and Sir Francis Drake.
3. Approving language similar to the following to be included on the information panel along with the logos for the Town Council, Historic England and Tavistock Heritage Trust: *Originally erected in 1883 to celebrate the achievements of locally born Sir Francis Drake, this statue came under scrutiny in 2020 when attention was drawn, following incidents in the United States and Bristol, to his involvement in slave trading. This panel aims to provide some of the missing information.*
4. Approving the location of the panel on council property at Mrs. Webb's Arboretum behind the wall on the NE pavement near the Drake Roundabout.

*Drake Statue seen from pavement where panel location is proposed*



*NE corner edge of the roundabout near Mrs. Webb's Arboretum. Panel would be located NE of the Plymouth sign.*

