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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Planning, Leisure &amp; Environment Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 February 2025</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Mural Briefs Report</b>		

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## 1. Subway Murals

- 1.1 Following the discussion by this Committee at its last meeting, work is planned to create four murals in readiness for the Easter holidays in April. If the budget can stretch to a fifth subway, that will also be completed. Subways identified for murals are
- West Swindon District Centre
  - Brookfield School Roughmoor Way (Standings Close)
  - Toothill – Bodiam Drive
  - Freshbrook to Windmill Business Park
  - Mannington
- 1.2 Work is underway canvassing local businesses inviting sponsorship from £500 to £2,000. Businesses can choose one or both walls and detail the theme. They can opt for their preferred subway location. There are no confirmed arrangements in place however it is envisaged that business sponsored subways could be created at any time if agreed at a later date. If a business wished to opt for one of the subways above, we would move the design to another location.
- 1.3 Artists have asked for a detailed brief to guide the design. An outline description for each subway is proposed as follows

### West Swindon District Centre

*Walk on the wildside* – links to Ice Hockey/sports theme

### Brookfield School

*We're going on a bear hunt/teddy bears picnic* – bears with greenery/jungle theme

### Toothill – Bodiam Drive

*A Walk Outdoors* – woodland, bull rushes, iris, insects, sky and clouds

## Freshbrook to Windmill Business Park

Battle of Ellendun

### Mannington

*Underwater* – fish theme

- 1.4 Once a theme has been agreed, it will be given to the artists to come up with a preliminary design for their assigned subway.

## **2. Costings/Financial Implications**

- 2.1 Street art/murals were not budgeted within the current budget. West Swindon Parish Council has underspends this current financial year that could cover some of the costs e.g. 4015 Consumables or 4880 Seats, if costs were created this financial year. In 2025/26, £5,000 has been allocated for Murals/Art projects.
- 2.2 The Parish Council has a budget for backland refurbishment in the reserves totalling £54,000.

## **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That this Committee notes the information in this report for discussion.