

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

6 October 2026

Decision Report

Recommendation that That the Governance Committee formally agrees to accept the Williams Expedition Sculpture as an asset of the Town Council.

Ward(s)

Wensleydale

Risk Management

Improving the governance arrangements of the Council.

Objective

Promoting the environmental, social, and economic wellbeing of the town and its community.

Crime Prevention

None.

Public Sector Equality Duty

No impact.

Report

In February 2019, the proposal for the Williams Expedition Sculpture was brought before the Town Council. It was resolved:

"To meet potential maintenance costs for the sculpture, which is to be commissioned out of Councillor Webb's NCC allowance, to commemorate the ship, The William Smith."

The sculpture was completed and installed in November 2019 and was subsequently recorded on the Town Council's Asset Register with a value of £9,675. It has remained on the Asset Register to date, which indicates that the sculpture has been treated as a Town Council asset.

However, there is no formal written record of the Town Council resolving to accept the sculpture as an asset.

This report therefore seeks to address this governance gap by formally recording the Town Council's acceptance of the Williams Expedition Sculpture as an asset.

The Governance Committee is asked to formally agree to accept the Williams Expedition Sculpture as an asset of the Town Council, thereby regularising its status and ensuring that the Council's governance records accurately reflect the position.

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28 September 2026

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