MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting to be held at Ashfield District Council Offices.

Monday, 16 September 2019 at 10.00 am

| Members | :- |
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Ashfield District Council

Councillor Barsby (Committee Member)
Councillor T Hollis (Committee Member)
Councillor H Smith (Committee Member)

Mansfield District Council

A Abrahams (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor A Burgin (Committee Member)
Councillor Richardson (Committee Member)

Newark & Sherwood District Council

Councillor Mrs L Hurst (Chairman)
Councillor T Smith (Committee Member)
Councillor Mrs G Dawn (Committee Member)

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Verbal Report

The following link will take you to the new website: http://www.mansfieldcrematorium.co.uk/

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Monday, 9 December 2019 (at Mansfield District Council) Monday, 24 February 2020 (at Newark & Sherwood District Council) Monday, 18 May 2020 (at Ashfield District Council)

Distribution

Councillors:

Ashfield District Council Councillor K. Barsby

Councillor T. Hollis Councillor Mrs H Smith

Mansfield District Council Executive Mayor A Abrahams

Councillor A. Burgin Councillor S. Richardson

Newark & Sherwood District Council Councillor Mrs G Dawn

Councillor Mrs L Hurst Councillor T. Smith

Officers:

Eve Allsop –Acting Treasurer (Mansfield District Council)

Wendy Gregson (Mansfield District Council)

Sally Curtis - Director and Registrar (Mansfield and District Crematorium)

Craig Bonar- Director of Resources and Business Transformation (Ashfield District Council)

Justine Wells-Principal Accountant (Ashfield District Council)

Helen Bayne - Democratic Services Assistant (Newark & Sherwood District Council)

Agenda Item 4

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Mansfield and District Crematorium Joint Committee** held in the Civic Suite, Castle House, Newark and Sherwood DC Offices on Tuesday, 28 May 2019 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Councillor T Hollis, Councillor A Burgin, Councillor Richardson,

Councillor Mrs L Hurst and Councillor T Smith

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor H Smith (Committee Member), Councillor Barsby (Committee Member), Abrahams (Committee Member) and Gill Dawn

(Committee Member)

174 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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AGREED (unanimously) that Councillor Mrs L. Hurst of Newark and Sherwood District Council be appointed as the Chairman of the Committee for the year 2019/2020.

174 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

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AGREED (unanimously) that Mayor A. Abrahams of Mansfield District Council be appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the year 2019/2020.

175 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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Councillor A. Burgin declared a personal interest in relation to item 7- the Annual Statement of Accounts, as he was employed by Ashfield District Council.

175 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09am to allow the presentation of donations to Beaumond House and the John Eastwood Hospice. The Director and Registrar of the Crematorium explained that the monies were raised from the sale of metals recovered after a cremation. Permission from the families was sought, and she explained that many families were pleased that the monies were donated to worthy causes within the District. Beaumond House Hospice, Newark received a cheque for £7000 and the John Eastwood Hospice, Ashfield received a cheque for £5000.

The meeting then resumed formal session, 10:20am.

175 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2

The Committee received the Annual Statement of Accounts 2018/19, which included the annual report and summary of financial performance, Statement of Accounting

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Policies, the core financial statements and the Annual Governance Statement. The Committee was required to approve the Statement of Accounts before the end of May, and noted that the audit had not highlighted any internal control issues.

The Committee considered the financial performance for the year, including variances between the budgeted and actual income and expenditure, noting the reduction in income to £172, 021, due to 215 fewer cremations taking place against the estimated number. Other variances included employee costs, premises costs, supplies and services and support services. The surplus distribution total was £800,308 and was divided between the authorities based on the number of cremations per authority area. Mansfield District Council received £378,786, Ashfield District Council received £364,220 and Newark and Sherwood District Council received £57,302.

In considering the 'usable' and 'unusable' reserves Members discussed the allocation of resources on cremation equipment and repairs, and the possibility of increasing the amount of advertising to increase usage of the facility, particularly in light of newer private crematorium in the local area. The Director and Registrar explained that resource was needed to ensure the Crematorium remained competitive in providing the same facilities and latest technologies that were available in the newer crematorium, however, she felt that some funeral directors who had initially moved away were now returning to the Mansfield and District Crematorium, which was in part due to offering longer service times and competitive prices. It was also important to maintain a rolling programme of repairs and improvements to ensure the life of the cremators and legal compliance with the mercury abatement equipment.

The Committee requested benchmarking information on the number of cremations and how this compared to the number of registered deaths.

AGREED

- (i) The Statement of Accounts as presented in Appendix A for the financial year 2018/2019 is approved.
- (ii) The 2018/2019 budgeted surplus distribution as detailed in Appendix A, page 8, 3.6, is approved.
- (iii) That revenue budgets for equipment acquisitions £22,000, grounds maintenance £4,000 and books/publications £2,000 currently held in general reserves, to be carried forward into 2019/2020 is approved.
- (iv) The financial information provided in Appendix D and usage information provided in Appendix E, is for noting only.
- (v) That the cremation fee income in excess of the budgeted surplus for 2018/2019 totalling £35,991 is transferred to the Capital Fund, as approved at the JCC meeting held on 15 December 2017, is for noting only.
- (vi) The revenue expenditure for the CAMEO non-abatement fees for £51,535 previously approved to be financed from general reserves; is for noting only.
- (vii) The accounting for VAT as detailed in 3.7, is for noting and that the constitution of the JCC is to be amended to reflect this change.

The Director and Registrar explained that the new standalone website was nearly ready to go live. It was anticipated it would be live by the end of June.

175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4

Meeting dates- All Monday, 10am

16 September 2019- Ashfield DC offices9 December 2019- Mansfield DC offices24 February 2020- Newark and Sherwood DC offices18 May 2020- Ashfield DC offices

Meeting closed at 10.53 am.

Chairman

MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE 16 September 2019 Report of the Chief Executive Mansfield District Council

Appointment of Treasurer to the Mansfield and District Crematorium Joint Committee

1. SUMMARY

1.1 To make provision for the services of a Treasurer to the Joint Committee following the retirement of Mick Andrews from Mansfield District Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation to the Committee

- 2.2 That the services of a Treasurer together with the provision of committee services be undertaken by way of a Service Level Agreement with one of the constituent authorities with the service initially being provided by Mansfield District Council.
- 2.3 That Committee approve the Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) at Mansfield District Council as the Treasurer.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Mick Andrews was appointed as Treasurer to the Crematorium Joint Committee following the departure of previous Treasurer in 2007.
- 3.2 The Joint Committee's constitution (which has subsequently been subject to further amendments) provides that the Treasurer must be employed by one of the constituent authorities and the officeholder "shall cease to hold office on terminating such employment".
- 3.3 As a consequence of the retirement decision and termination of the employment of the officeholder in his substantive role, his role as Treasurer ceased in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Management Agreement.
- 3.4 Mansfield District Council currently provide financial services to the Joint Committee under a Service Level Agreement and would continue to do so

with the Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer). The change in personnel as the Treasurer does not change any existing arrangements around the agreement.

4. OPTIONS AVAILABLE

- 4.1 To accept the recommendations set out in the report.
- 4.2 That the nominated Officer is not approved.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPTIONS

| Risk | Risk Assessment | Risk Level | Risk Management |
|-------------|---|---------------|--|
| Operational | Requirement to monitor budgets and report to committee which the post of Treasurer undertakes | High | Not adhering to current agreement. Risk to the financial monitoring without a treasurer in place |

7. IMPLICATIONS

- (a) Relevant Legislation No implications
- (b) Human Rights No implications.
- (c) Equality and Diversity
- (d) Climate change and environmental sustainability No implications.
- (e) Crime and Disorder

No implications.

(f) Budget/ResourceNo additional budget required

8. COMMENTS OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

- (a) Head of Paid Service.

 Decision maker.
- (b) Monitoring Officer
 No specific comments.

(c) Section 151 Officer

9. CONSULTATION

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS : None

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Mansfield and District Joint Crematorium Committee 16 September 2019 Report of Treasurer of Joint Crematorium Committee

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 JULY 2019

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report shows the forecasted year end position for the 2019/2020 financial year for the Mansfield Crematorium as at 31 July 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATION

To be resolved:

- i). The financial information provided in appendix 1 and table 3 is for noting only.
- ii) The capital budget increase of £835 identified in 3.2.5 is approved.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Summary Forecast Financial Position - see appendix 1

Table 1 below summarises the income and expenditure incurred to 31 July 2019 and the variances expected at year end. Further explanations are provided below where there are significant variances between the forecasted outturn position and the budget.

| CREMATORIUM | FULL YEAR | | | | 1 April 2019 to 31 July 2019 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Description | Original Budget | Revised Budget | Forecast | Variance - Forecast to Original Budget | Actuals |
| Employee Costs | 408,492 | 405,215 | 405,215 | -3,277 | 138,323 |
| Premises Related Expenses | 405,776 | 405,776 | 373,015 | -32,761 | 135,588 |
| Transport Related Expenditure | 306 | 306 | 306 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplies and Services | 169,501 | 200,778 | 224,337 | 54,836 | 36,873 |
| Support Services | 60,100 | 60,100 | 60,100 | 0 | 7,349 |
| Depreciation & Impairment | 126,271 | 126,271 | 126,271 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenue Gross Expenditure | 1,170,446 | 1,198,446 | 1,189,244 | 18,798 | 318,133 |
| Rev Gross Income | -1,906,139 | -1,906,139 | -1,788,364 | 117,775 | -534,265 |
| Interest Income | -7,688 | -7,688 | -7,688 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenue Gross Income | -1,913,827 | -1,913,827 | -1,796,052 | 117,775 | -534,265 |
| Net Cost of Service | -743,381 | -715,381 | -606,808 | 136,573 | -216,132 |
| Depreciation to be Reversed | -126,271 | -126,271 | -126,271 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017/2018 Carryforward Budgets from General Reserve | 0 | -28,000 | -28,000 | -28,000 | 0 |
| Below Net Cost of Service | -126,271 | -154,271 | -154,271 | -28,000 | 0 |
| Net (-) Surplus | -869,652 | -869,652 | -761,079 | 108,573 | -216,132 |
| CREMATORIUM CAPITAL | FULL YEAR | | | 1 April 2019 to 31 July 2019 | |
| Description | Original Budget | Revised Budget | Forecast | Variance - Forecast to Revised Budget | Actuals |
| Capital - New Land Purchase | 0 | 0 | 835 | 835 | 835 |
| Capital - Replacement of Abatement Equipment | 750,000 | 750,000 | 750,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Gross Expenditure | 750.000 | 750,000 | 750,835 | 835 | 835 |

3.1.1 Employee Expenses total forecasted variance (£3,000)

As approved at the Dec 2018 JCC meeting, the manpower budget for the retired Clerk to the JCC is to be used to pay for legal advice provided by Newark and Sherwood District Council's legal team at JCC meetings and as required. The 2019/2020 budget totalling £3,277 has been realigned to Payments to Local Authorities within Supplies and Services and will be paid annually, see appendix 2 for budget realignment details.

The Director and Registrar of the crematorium is undertaking a staff restructure to meet the demands of the service. There are currently 3 vacant posts; a gardener/relief technician post, a clerical assistant post and the supervisor/assistant registrar post. Officers have been working additional overtime to cover vacant positions. Once the restructure is approved, all employee expense budgets will be re-forecast and realigned.

3.1.2 Premises Related Expenses total forecasted variance (£33,000)

The insurance premium has increased for 2019/2020 by £3,461 due to the revaluation of the Books of Remembrance. In early 2019 the Water Rates costs were queried with Water-plus who identified that the Crematorium was being overcharged. A credit was issued in the last financial year; however this year's budget reflects the higher charges incurred during 2018/2019. In 2019/2020 budget totalling £3,461 has been realigned to Insurance from Water Rates, see appendix 2 for budget realignment details.

Further savings of (£2,939) have been forecast for Water Rates to reflect the current level of charges.

The annual invoice for Business Rates is £178 higher than the budget estimate.

(£30,000) of the Repair/Maintenance Fixed Plant Cremators will be realigned this month to CAMEO Non Abatement Fees within Supplies and Services, due to limited maintenance works being undertaken on the abatement equipment due to the replacement capital programme works.

3.1.3 Supplies and Services Expenses total forecasted variance £55,000

Due to the problems with the abatement equipment and the capital works to be undertaken in year, the 50% target for abated cremations is not expected to be met this financial year. As a result of this target not being met during 2019/2020, the Mansfield & District Crematorium will have to purchase tradable mercury abated cremations (tmac's) from the CAMEO scheme to meet the 50% target. The shortfall in 2018/2019 resulted in 937 tmac's required from the CAMEO scheme which cost £51,535. The current budget forecast for 2019/2020 is £50,000, There is currently a budget of £20,000 for the CAMEO fees; a further budget of £30,000 will be realigned this month from Repair/Maintenance Fixed Plant Cremators in Premises Related Expenses to CAMEO Non Abatement Fees. The number of abated cremations will be closely monitored during the calendar year and the forecast will be adjusted if required.

A budget of £28,000 has been carried forward from 2018/2019 for video streaming and equipment; the funds for this spend are held within General Usable Reserves.

The budget realignment processed in July revised budgets for the following expenditure budgets (appendix 2):-

- Payments to Local Authorities £3,277 to incorporate the Legal Advice provided by Newark & Sherwood District Council
- Systems Software £519 for annual maintenance of the Chip & Pin system
- Telephones £2,315 for improved data lines/WIFI for video streaming service
- Organist Fees (£2,834) reduction as budget too high for current demand.

A further saving of (£3,666) has been forecast on the Organist Fees budget. Medical Referee Fees has a forecasted budget saving of (£2,775) due to the estimated number of cremations in the year being forecast from 2,400 to 2,250.

3.1.4 Income total forecasted variance £118,000.

The income for the use of the organist at funerals has been forecast as £7,000 lower than budget due to reduced demand for this service.

The income for the recharge of Medical Fees has reduced by £2,775 due to the estimated number of cremations being forecast from 2,400 to 2,250.

The original Cremation Fee budget was based on 2,400 cremations being carried out during 2019/2020. However, the current number of cremations carried out this year is very similar to the number carried out last year; with the total throughput for 2018/2019 being 2,235. The income forecast has been based on 2,250 cremations being undertaken this financial year, resulting in a potential £108,000 income reduction.

3.1.5 Below Net Cost of Service total forecasted variance (£28,000)

A budget of £28,000 has been carried forward from 2018/2019 for video streaming and equipment; the funds for this spend are held within General Usable Reserves and will be shown as a below net cost of service transaction.

3.1.6 The number of cremations carried out between 1 April 2019 and 31 July 2019 is 729, a decrease of 8 (1.1%) compared to 737 over the same period in 2018/2019. Table 2 below compares the April to July number of cremations for the last 5 years.

Table 2

| | | | Newark & | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Period | Ashfield | Mansfield | Sherwood | Out of Area | Total |
| April 2019-July 2019 | 266 | 290 | 45 | 128 | 729 |
| April 2018-July 2018 | 259 | 289 | 33 | 156 | 737 |
| April 2017-July 2017 | 274 | 328 | 55 | 155 | 812 |
| April 2016-July 2016 | 267 | 315 | 92 | 187 | 861 |
| April 2015-July 2015 | 288 | 275 | 75 | 216 | 854 |

Appendix 3 shows the number of cremations and the percentage of the split between Ashfield District Council, Mansfield District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Outside of the Joint Committee area between April and July. A graph showing these proportions is attached in appendix 4.

Appendix 5 shows the last 5 year annual cremation throughput totals per area. The current reduction in throughput from 2,400 to 2,250 is mainly due to the reduction in monthly cremations from November 2018 to date. However, the throughput figures will be reviewed on a monthly basis and any changes will be reflected in the budgetary forecasts.

3.2 Balance Sheet Review – Table 3 below shows the balance sheet as at 31 July 2019.

Table 3

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|----------------|--|--------------|
| | Mansfield & District Joint Crematorium | |
| | Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2019 | |
| 31 March 2019 | | 31 July 2019 |
| £ | | £ |
| 2,277,048 | Property, Plant & Equipment | 2,277,048 |
| 2,277,048 | Long Term Assets | 2,277,048 |
| 229,234 | Short Term Debtors | 205,685 |
| -16,998 | Provisions | -16,998 |
| 1,691,339 | Cash and Cash Equivalents | 1,055,715 |
| 1,903,575 | Current Assets | 1,244,402 |
| -874,470 | Short Term Creditors | C |
| -874,470 | Current Liabilities | 0 |
| -1,225,001 | Net Pension Liability | -1,225,001 |
| -1,225,001 | Long Term Liabilities | -1,225,001 |
| 2,081,152 | Net Assets | 2,296,449 |
| | | |
| | Financed by: | |
| 800,698 | Capital Fund | 799,863 |
| | Surplus/(deficit) in year | 216,132 |
| | General Reserve | 248,366 |
| 1,049,064 | Usable Reserves | 1,264,361 |
| 461,397 | Revaluation Reserve | 461,397 |
| | Capital Adjustment Accounts | 1,815,651 |
| -1,244,960 | Pension Reserve | -1,244,960 |
| £1,032,088 | Unusable Reserves | 1,032,088 |
| 2,081,152 | Total Reserves | 2,296,449 |

3.2.1 Long Term Assets – There is currently no movement in the long term assets. Transactions for depreciation and any changes in the re-valuation of the crematorium assets, which is to be undertaken during this financial year, will be calculated before the financial year end.

3.2.2 Current Assets

Short Term Debtors - Total outstanding at 31 July 2019 was £205,685.

Ageing Summary:

| Month invoice raised: | Amount Due £ |
|--|--------------|
| July (Current month) | £114,572 |
| o June (1 month overdue) | £34,240 |
| o May (2 months overdue) | £26,152 |
| o April (3 months overdue) | £16,397 |
| o Pre-April 2019 (over 4 months) | £14,324 |
| o TOTAL | £205,685 |

These debtor invoices relate to monies due from funeral directors.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – The main changes relate to the payment of the 2018/2019 allocated surplus to each authority, accrued creditor payments to suppliers and the revenue surplus calculated up to 31 July 2019 on the revenue accounts.

3.2.3 Current Liabilities

Short Term Creditors – There are no short term creditors at 31 July 2019. However, at the financial year end the outstanding creditors will be calculated based on the invoices relating to the 2019/2020 accounts that have not yet been paid and the net surplus due to the 3 authorities.

Provisions – At the financial year end the value required for this provision will be recalculated based on the age of outstanding debtor invoices.

3.2.4 Long Term Liabilities

Net Pension Liability – This will remain unchanged until the actuary report is received at the financial year end advising of the changes to the value of the JCC pension scheme.

3.2.5 Usable Reserves

Capital Fund – The Capital Fund brought forward balance as at 1 April 2019 was £800,698. The capital budget for 2019/2020 is set at £750,000 for

replacement abatement equipment. No expenditure has been incurred yet on this project.

A late invoice has been received relating to the 2018/2019 Land Purchase scheme for the Forestry Commission's Legal fees £835.

It is recommended that the 2019/2020 capital budget for Land Purchase Scheme is set at £835 to meet the payment of the third party legal fees.

The forecast capital fund usable reserve balance at 31 March 2020 is £49,863 as detailed in table 4 below.

Table 4

| Capital Fund Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2019 | £800,698 |
|---|--------------------|
| Less Capital Budget for Replacement Abatement Equipment Less Capital Land Purchase - Legal Fees | -£750,000 -£835 |
| Capital Fund Forecasted Balance as at 31 March 2020 | £49,863 |

General Reserve – At the end of 2018/2019 budget carry-forwards were approved totalling £28,000. The carry-forward budgets were included in the general reserve increasing the closing balance of this reserve to £248,366 at the end of the last financial year. These carry-forward budgets are now included in the 2019/2020 budgets.

The forecasted balance of the general reserve at the end of this financial year is £220,366, as detailed in table 5 below.

Table 5

| General Reserve Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2019 | £248,366 |
|--|----------|
| | |
| Less Carry Forward Budget from 2018/2019 | |
| Equipment budget for video streaming | -£28,000 |
| | |
| General Reserve Forecasted Balance as at 31 March 2020 | £220,366 |

3.2.6 Unusable Reserves

Revaluation reserve - This will remain unchanged until the end of the current financial year.

Capital Adjustment Account – This will remain unchanged until the end of the current financial year.

Pension Reserve - This will remain unchanged until the actuary report is received at the financial year end advising of the changes to the value of the JCC pension scheme.

3.3 The position at 31 July 2019 is a surplus of £216,132, see appendix 1.

The year-end forecast position to 31 March 2020 is a surplus of £761,079, compared to the budgeted surplus of £869,652, which is a reduction in surplus of £108,573.

The main reason for this reduction to the forecast budget surplus is the reduction in the number of cremations forecast during 2019/2020 from 2,400 to 2,250 and the related fee income. This usage forecast will be monitored closely and any further changes in usage will be reflected in revised forecasts and surplus estimates.

There are two main areas of expenditure that will impact on the forecast surplus this financial year. Firstly, savings could arise from the staffing restructure, these being savings from vacant posts offset by increases in overtime and any changes to the number of posts and salary grades after the restructure. Once the restructure posts and salary grades have been approved and vacant posts filled; then employee expenses will be re-forecast.

Secondly, the budget for repairs and maintenance for fixed plant/cremators has not yet been re-forecast. Although there has been minimal spend on this budget to the end of July 2019, this budget is needed to ensure the cremators and abatement equipment remain operational. Due to the major works to be completed later this year it is unknown what level of budget will be required this year. This will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

3.3.1 Table 6 below shows the forecast surplus payments to each authority based on the forecasted surplus and the usage to date by area.

Table 6

| District | April 2019-July 2019 No. of Cremations | April 2019 - December 2019 Usage Percentage | | st Surplus 1,079 split |
|----------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------|
| Ashfield | 266 | 44.26% | £ | 336,850 |
| Mansfield | 290 | 48.25% | £ | 367,243 |
| Newark & Sherwood | 45 | 7.49% | £ | 56,986 |
| TOTAL | 601 | 100.00% | £ | 761,079 |

4. RISK ASSESSMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPTIONS

| Risk | Risk Assessment | Risk Level | Risk Management |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|--|
| Financial forecasts are inaccurate | A number of the Joint Crematorium's budgets are dependent on | Medium | The budgetary management system is in place whereby finance and budget officers meet |

| external factors and influences which cannot be accurately | to discuss issues surrounding the budgets. |
|--|--|
| forecast | |

5. ALIGNMENT TO COMMITTEES PRIORITIES

This report is directly aligned to ensuring effective management of the Crematorium.

6. IMPLICATIONS RELATING TO RELEVANT LEGISLATION

(a) Relevant Legislation: The accounts are produced in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The format reflects the requirements of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2018/2019 and the Service Accounting Code of Practice published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). This is supported by the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The audit is carried out in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

- (b) Human Rights: No impact
- (c) Equality and Diversity: No impact.
- (d) Climate change and environmental sustainability: No impact.
- (e) Crime and Disorder: No impact.
- (f) Budget / Resources: This report is to note the out-turn position on the Joint Crematorium Account and the balances on the Reserve funds.

7. CONSULTATION

The proposals have been provided by the Director and Registrar of the Mansfield & District Crematorium.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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| | | | | | Appendix 1 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| REVENUE CREMATORIUM | | 1 April 2018 to 31 July 2019 | | | |
| Description | Original Budget | Revised Budget | Forecast Budget | Variance Forecast Budget to Original Budget | Actuals |
| | £ | | £ | £ | |
| Salaries Basic Pay | 297,262 | 294,454 | 294,454 | -2,808 | |
| Salaries Overtime | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 | 0 | |
| Salaries National Insurance | 23,287 | 23,287 | 23,287 | 0 | , |
| Salaries Superannuation | 69,603 | 69,134 | 69,134 | -469 | , |
| Salaries Vacancy Savings | -5,553 | -5,553 | -5,553 | 0 | |
| Superann Additional Allowances | 1,168 | 1,168 | 1,168 500 | 0 | |
| Occupational Health Services Training Expenses Staff | 500 3,000 | 500 3,000 | 3,000 | 0 | |
| | | | | 0 | |
| Apprenticeship Levy Employee Related Expenditure | 1,225 | 1,225 405,215 | 1,225 405,215 | | |
| Repair/Maintenance Buildings | 408,492 23,120 | 23,120 | 23,120 | -3,277 0 | |
| Grounds Maintenance General | 23,120 | 23,120 | 20,440 | 0 | |
| EPA Testing | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | -, |
| Repair/Maintenance Fixed Plant Cremators | 144,272 | 1,500 | 114,272 | -30,000 | |
| Electricity | 45,900 | 45,900 | 45,900 | -30,000 | |
| Gas | 48,000 | 48,000 | 48,000 | 0 | |
| Rent of Premises | 159 | 159 | 159 | 0 | , |
| Business Rates | 89,685 | 89,685 | 89,863 | 178 | |
| Sewage/Water Rates | 13,000 | 9,539 | 6,600 | -6,400 | , |
| Insurance | 15,500 | 18,961 | 18,961 | 3,461 | 18,961 |
| Cleaning Materials | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 0,401 | |
| Legionella | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 0 | |
| Premises Related Expenditure | 405,776 | 405,776 | 373,015 | -32,761 | |
| Car Allowances | 306 | 306 | 373,013 | -32,701 | |
| Transport Related Expenditure | 306 | 306 | 306 | 0 | |
| Equipment Acquisitions | 0 | 28,000 | 28,000 | 28,000 | |
| Furniture Acquisitions | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | |
| Hire Vending Machines | 600 | 600 | 600 | 0 | |
| Light Plant and Tools | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | |
| Bio Boxes | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | |
| Materials Rodent Control | 450 | 450 | 450 | 0 | |
| Office Machinery Repair/Maintenance | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0 | |
| Office Machinery Replacement | 900 | 900 | 900 | 0 | |
| Uniforms | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0 | |
| Printing | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0 | |
| Stationery | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 0 | |
| Advertising Other | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 0 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Waste Collection Skips | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | |
| Medical Referee Fees | 44,400 | 44,400 | 41,625 | -2,775 | 13,024 |
| Payments to Local Authorities | 4,000 | 7,277 | 7,277 | 3,277 | |
| Software Licences | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0 | |
| Postages | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0 | |
| Systems Software | 0 | 519 | 519 | 519 | |
| Telephones | 6,500 | 8,815 | 8,815 | 2,315 | |
| Conference Expenses | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 | |
| Subscriptions | 2,393 | 2,393 | 2,393 | 0 | |
| Book of Remembrance Inscriptions | 9,128 | 9,128 | 9,128 | 0 | |
| External Legal Expenses | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0 | |
| Other Expenses General | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0 | |
| Memorial Plagues | 11,730 | 11,730 | 11,730 | 0 | |
| Organist Fees | 20,000 | 17,166 | 13,500 | -6,500 | |
| CAMEO Non Abatement Fees | 20,000 | 20,000 | 50,000 | 30,000 | |
| 0 <u>0</u> | | | | | |

| | | | | | Appendix 1 |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| REVENUE CREMATORIUM | | 1 April 2018 to 31 July 2019 | | | |
| Description | Original Budget | Revised Budget | Forecast Budget | Variance Forecast Budget to Original Budget | Actuals |
| | £ | | £ | £ | £ |
| Design Services | 5,530 | 5,530 | 5,530 | 0 | |
| Trade Waste/Recycling | 7,127 | 7,127 | 7,127 | 0 | 7,349 |
| Central Corporate Overhead | 47,443 | 47,443 | 47,443 | 0 | |
| Support Services | 60,100 | 60,100 | 60,100 | 0 | , |
| Depreciation | 126,271 | 126,271 | 126,271 | 0 | |
| Depreciation and Impairment | 126,271 | 126,271 | 126,271 | 0 | |
| Revenue Gross Expenditure | 1,170,446 | 1,198,446 | 1,189,244 | 18,798 | |
| Book of Remembrance Inscriptions | -24,806 | -24,806 | -24,806 | 0 | -, |
| Crematorium Containers | -200 | -200 | -200 | 0 | -265 |
| Crematorium Memorials | -44,625 | -44,625 | -44,625 | 0 | -13,226 |
| Organist | -27,000 | -27,000 | -20,000 | 7,000 | -5,580 |
| Cremation Fees | -1,728,000 | -1,728,000 | -1,620,000 | 108,000 | -497,140 |
| Medical Fees | -44,400 | -44,400 | -41,625 | 2,775 | -13,043 |
| Interest Income | -7,688 | -7,688 | -7,688 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Income | -4,000 | -4,000 | -4,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Income | -1,880,719 | -1,880,719 | -1,762,944 | 117,775 | -534,265 |
| Recharges to Cemeteries | -33,108 | -33,108 | -33,108 | 0 | |
| Income Recharges | -33,108 | -33,108 | -33,108 | 0 | |
| Revenue Gross Income | -1,913,827 | -1,913,827 | -1,796,052 | 117,775 | -534,265 |
| Net Cost of Service | -743,381 | -715,381 | -606,808 | 136,573 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Depreciation to be Reversed | -126,271 | -126,271 | -126,271 | 0 | • |
| 2018/2019 Carryforward Budget from General Reserve | 0 | -28,000 | -28,000 | -28,000 | O |
| Below Net Cost of Service Sub Total | -126,271 | -154,271 | -154,271 | -28,000 | 0 |
| Net Combre | -869,652 | -869,652 | -761,079 | 108,573 | -216,132 |
| Net Surplus | -009,032 | -809,032 | -101,019 | 100,373 | -210,132 |
| | | | | | |
| CAPITAL CREMATORIUM | Full Year | | | | 1 April 2018 to 31 July 2019 |
| Description | Original Budget | Revised Budget | Forecast Budget | Variance Forecast Budget to Original Budget | Actuals |
| | £ | | | £ | £ |
| New Land Purchase | 0 | 0 | 835 | 835 | 835 |
| | | | | | |
| Replacement of Abatement Equipment | 750,000 | 0 | 750,000 | 0 | 0 |

REQUEST FOR BUDGET RE-ALIGNMENT APPROVAL WITHIN A SERVICE AREA

| | FINANCIA | AL YEAR | EALIGN AMOUN | INANCE OFFICE | ATE OF REQUES | SUDGET OFFICE |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Budget Realign Ref | 2019 | 14 | £9,572 | W Gregson | 16.07.19 | S Curtis |

REASON FOR BUDGET REALIGNMENT

Meeting with Sally Curtis 12.7.19 reviewed forecasts and identified budget realignments as follows:

- 1. Move budgets for Clerk to JCC from Basic Pay and Superannuation as JCC agreed to pay this to NSDC for Legal Advice.
- 2. Due to increase in Wi-Fi data speed especially for video streaming new contract with Daisy required. Organist fee costs down realign to telephones
- 3. Portion of Capita software charged to Crematorium, add into future budgets, realign from Organist fees.
- 4. Water rates costs revised by Waterplus leaving excess budget, however insurance increased this year due to revaluation of the book of remembrance.

| DETAILS OF BUDGET TO BE REDUCED (-) | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Account Code | Account Description | Budget Realignment (-) | Current Budget | Revised Budget | | | |
| 4101000150 | Crematorium Water Rates | -3,461 | 13,000 | 9,539 | | | |
| 4101000524 | Crematorium Organist Fees | -2,834 | 20,000 | 17,166 | | | |
| 4101000001 | Crematorium Basic Pay - Clerk JCC | -2,808 | 297,262 | 294,454 | | | |
| 4101000004 | Crematorium Superannuation - Clerk JCC | -469 | 69,603 | 69,134 | | | |
| | | | | 0 | | | |
| | | -9,572 | | | | | |

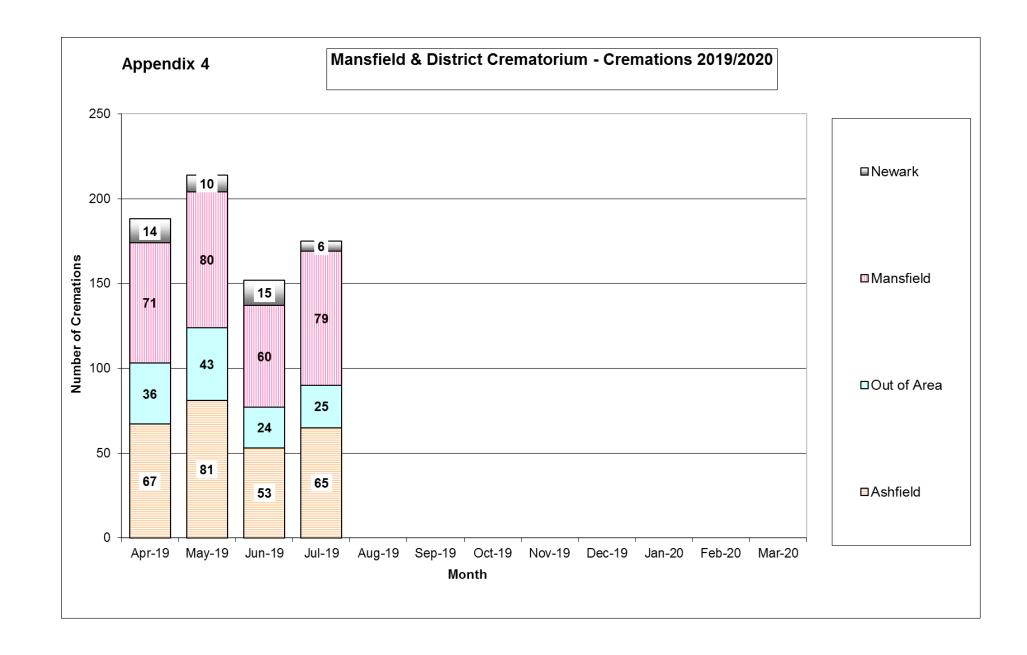
| DETAILS OF BUDGET TO BE INCREASED (+) | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Account Code | Account Description | Budget Realignment (+) | Current Budget | Revised Budget | | | |
| 4101000156 | Crematorium Insurance | 3,461 | 15,500 | 18,961 | | | |
| 4101000439 | Crematorium Telephones | 2,315 | 6,500 | 8,815 | | | |
| 4101000437 | Crematorium Systems Software | 519 | 0 | 519 | | | |
| 4101000403 | Crematorium Payments to Local Authorities | 3,277 | 4,000 | 7,277 | | | |
| | | | | 0 | | | |
| | | 9,572 | | | | | |

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Appendix 3

Number of Cremations by Area - 2019/2020

| Month | Ashfield | % | Mansfield | % | Newark | % | Out of Area | % | TOTAL |
|--------|----------|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----|----------------|-----|-------|
| Apr-19 | 67 | 36% | 71 | 38% | 14 | 7% | 36 | 19% | 188 |
| May-19 | 81 | 38% | 80 | 37% | 10 | 5% | 43 | 20% | 214 |
| Jun-19 | 53 | 35% | 60 | 39% | 15 | 10% | 24 | 16% | 152 |
| Jul-19 | 65 | 37% | 79 | 45% | 6 | 3% | 25 | 14% | 175 |
| Aug-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec-19 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan-20 | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb-20 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar-20 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 266 | 36% | 290 | 40% | 45 | 6% | 128 | 18% | 729 |



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| Summary Total Number of | | | | | | |
| Cremations Per Annum | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | |
| April | 236 | 247 | 189 | 202 | 188 | |
| May | 193 | 196 | 232 | 174 | 214 | |
| June | 206 | 226 | 193 | 196 | 152 | |
| July | 219 | 192 | 198 | 165 | 175 | |
| August | 160 | 189 | 187 | 183 | | |
| September | 198 | 209 | 187 | 160 | | |
| October | 175 | 185 | 188 | 194 | | |
| November | 219 | 211 | 179 | 190 | | |
| December | 199 | 245 | 221 | 166 | | |
| January | 217 | 236 | 252 | 199 | | |
| February | 233 | 233 | 255 | 204 | | |
| March | 238 | 254 | 233 | 204 | | |
| TOTAL Number of Cremations | 2493 | 2623 | 2514 | 202 | 729 | |
| TOTAL Number of Cremations | 2493 | 2023 | 2314 | 2233 | 129 | |
| | | | | | | Now Cromotorium |
| | | | | | | New Crematorium |
| | | | | | | Openings |
| | | | | 0 1 1 | | 2045 A |
| | | | | Out of | | 2015 - Amber Valley |
| 2015/2016 Total Cremations | | | N&S | Cttee | | Crematorium opened |
| per Area | ADC | MDC | DC | area | TOTAL | Alfreton/Swanwick |
| April | 74 | | 20 | 58 | 236 | |
| May | 70 | 58 | 17 | 48 | 193 | |
| June | 77 | 61 | 14 | 54 | 206 | |
| July | 67 | 72 | 24 | 56 | 219 | |
| August | 55 | 63 | 11 | 31 | 160 | |
| September | 69 | 68 | 22 | 39 | 198 | |
| October | 59 | 54 | 12 | 50 | 175 | |
| November | 80 | 67 | 18 | 54 | 219 | |
| December | 60 | 70 | 21 | 48 | 199 | |
| January | 87 | 59 | 20 | 51 | 217 | |
| February | 78 | 87 | 15 | 53 | 233 | |
| March | 87 | 88 | 13 | 50 | 238 | |
| TOTAL per area 2015/2016 | 863 | 831 | 207 | 592 | 2493 | |
| Percentage total per authority | 003 | 031 | 201 | 332 | 2433 | |
| 2015/2016 | 4E 400/ | 42 740/ | 10.89% | | 1901 | |
| 2013/2016 | 45.40% | 43.71% | 10.09% | | 1901 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | Out of | | Jan 2017 - Gedling |
| 2016/2017 Total Cremations | | | N&S | Out of Cttee | | |
| | ADC | MDC | DC | | TOTAL | Crematorium opened |
| per Area | ADC | MDC | | area | TOTAL | Lambley |
| April | 72 | 91 | 22 | 62 | 247 | |
| May | 68 | | | | 196 | |
| June | 67 | 95 | | 42 | 226 | |
| July | 60 | 70 | | 38 | 192 | |
| August | 61 | 72 | 20 | | | |
| September | 64 | | | 53 | 209 | |
| October | 65 | | | 35 | 185 | |
| November | 60 | 75 | | 61 | 211 | |
| December | 76 | | 23 | 66 | 245 | |
| January | 65 | 96 | 22 | 53 | 236 | |
| February | 76 | 82 | 14 | 61 | 233 | |
| March | 89 | 98 | 15 | 52 | 254 | |
| TOTAL per area 2016/2017 | 823 | 964 | | | 2623 | |
| Percentage total per authority | | | | | | |
| 2016/2017 | 40.76% | 47,75% | 11.49% | | 2019 | |
| | | | | | _0.0 | |

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| 2017/2018 Total Cremations | | | N&S | Out of Cttee | | |
| per Area | ADC | MDC | DC | area | TOTAL | |
| April | 64 | 78 | 13 | 34 | 189 | |
| May | 84 | 83 | 20 | 45 | 232 | |
| June | 62 | 82 | 14 | 35 | 193 | |
| July | 64 | 85 | 8 | 41 | 198 | |
| August | 66 | 66 | 16 | 39 | 187 | |
| September | 67 | 82 | 11 | 27 | 187 | |
| October | 73 | 72 | 13 | 30 | 188 | |
| November | 55 | 82 | 13 | 29 | 179 | |
| December | 85 | 76 | 16 | 44 | 221 | |
| January | 83 | 107 | 19 | 43 | 252 | |
| February March | 95 90 | 100 99 | 17 9 | 43 35 | 255 233 | |
| TOTAL per area 2017/2018 | 888 | 1012 | 169 | 445 | 2514 | |
| Percentage per authority | 000 | 1012 | 109 | 443 | 2314 | |
| 2017/2018 | 42.92% | 48.91% | 8.17% | | 2069 | |
| 2011/2010 | 1210270 | 1010170 | 011170 | | 2000 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | Out of | | Aug 2018 - Babworth |
| 2018/2019 Total Cremations | | | N&S | Cttee | | Crematorium opened, |
| per Area | | MDC | DC | area | TOTAL | Retford/Ranby |
| April | 71 | 79 | 12 | 40 | 202 | |
| May | 55 | 79 | 6 | 34 | 174 | |
| June | 68 | 76 | 8 | 44 | 196 | |
| July | 65 | 55 67 | 7 17 | 38 | 165 183 | |
| August | 69 65 | 56 | | 30 31 | 160 | |
| September October | 72 | 71 | 8 | 43 | 194 | |
| November | 70 | 73 | 14 | 33 | 194 | |
| December | 63 | 62 | 17 | 24 | 166 | |
| January | 83 | 79 | 9 | 28 | 199 | |
| February | 62 | 88 | 12 | 42 | 204 | |
| March | 83 | 74 | | 33 | 202 | |
| TOTAL per area 2018/2019 | 826 | 859 | | 420 | | |
| Percentage per authority | | | | | | |
| 2018/2019 | 45.51% | 47.33% | 7.16% | | 1815 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | Out of | | Early 2019 - Barnby Moor |
| 2019/2020 Total Creamtions | | | N&S | Cttee | | Crematorium opened |
| per Area | ADC | MDC | DC | area | TOTAL | Ranby |
| April | 67 | 71 | 14 | 36 | 188 | |
| May | 81 | 80 | 10 | 43 | 214 | |
| June | 53 | 60 | | 24 | 152 | |
| July | 65 | 79 | 6 | 25 | 175 | |
| August | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| January | | | | | | |
| February March | | | | | | |
| March | 266 | 200 | AF | 120 | 720 | |
| TOTAL per area 2019/2020 Percentage per authority | 266 | 290 | 45 | 128 | 729 | |
| 2019/2020 | 44.26% | 48.25% | 7.49% | | 601 | |
| -0.0/2020 | TT.4U/0 | TU.ZU /0 | 1.73/0 | | 001 | |

MANSFIELD & DISTRICT CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

RECYCLING OF METALS

1.0 **Summary**

1.1 To present an update on the Recycling of Metals obtained through cremation and the donation of monies received.

2.0 Recommendations

- i) That the Joint Committee agrees to support charities that give the most benefit locally to both those who are in end of life care and also in the wider community for counselling etc. of those who require bereavement counselling.
- ii) That each of the 3 Local Authorities nominates a bereavement based charity which serves their respective area.
- iii) That any monies gained through the final collection for any of the remembrance services held at the crematorium (usually in December) are also donated to the nominated charities.
- iv) That all nominations are taken in rotation.

3.0 Background Information

- 3.1 Historically crematoria have always disposed of such things as hip joints, pins, coffin pins etc by means of burying in an unmarked area within the crematorium grounds. This not only used valuable space within the crematorium grounds and placed metals in the grounds which would remain there forever, but it also meant that metals that could be smelted down and re-used were not being utilised as such and therefore long term this could have had a negative effect on reducing the amount of non-renewable resources that have to be mined to create the virgin metals.
- 3.2 It is important to note that the metals referred to are those that are usually found in surgical implants and are not those from jewellery. Metals used in jewellery have a lower melting point than those used in surgical implants and therefore become gaseous and are destroyed through the cremation process.
- 3.3 The ICCM have followed the Dutch Cremation Federation in adopting a scheme of recycling such metals which has been approved by the Environment Agency and not only benefits society in that it means it aids the reduction in mining of non-renewable sources to create the virgin metals required to produce surgical implants, but any monies gained from the 'weighing in' of such metal residues are donated nationally to charities within the UK which have a connection with bereavement.
- 3.4 The Applicant for Cremation is required to give their consent to the conditions for environmentally sensitive disposal of any metals that remain following cremation, however the form also gives the applicant the opportunity to claim all

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the metals recovered from their loved ones cremation and have them returned to them with the cremated remains.

- 3.5 The scheme was adopted by the Mansfield & District Crematorium Joint Committee in 2011 with the first collection taking place in 2012.
- 3.6 The metals that have been recycled produce a payment which is collated nationally and each authority who has signed up to the scheme has the opportunity of nominating a bereavement related charity to receive a proportion of the money raised. The money does not go back to the individual crematoria. On average there are two collections per year.
- 3.7 The Joint Committee chose to support 3 Hospices in rotation which served the committee's area, the first one being the Nottingham Hospice, the second Beaumond House in Newark and the third John Eastwood Hospice in Sutton-in-Ashfield/Mansfield. The proceeds of each donation are sent to the relevant Hospice to allow them to put it good use for patient care to help ensure that they continue to provide free services to patients with life-limiting illness and support to their families and carers therefore giving a far reaching and accessible for all service.
- 3.8. During the period in which the Mansfield Crematorium has been involved in the recycling project the following monies have been raised for charities locally:-

John Eastwood Hospice have received 4 cheques over a 6.5 year period to the value of £17961 in total

Nottinghamshire Hospice have received 4 cheques over a 6.5 year period to the value of £21412 in total

Beaumond House Hospice have received 4 cheques over a 6.5 year period to the value of £19004 in total

3.9 The Joint Committee originally agreed that the 3 hospices would be supported in this manner with regards to the first 3 collections, however it is now necessary to look at where future monies will go.

4.0 Options available

- 4.1 There are numerous charities that are available to support most being linked to national, symptom specific causes such as cancer research, british lung foundation, royal british legion, SANDS (stillbirth and neonatal), british heart foundation etc, however there are also a number of local charities which also provide not only end of life care which is none symptom specific but also provide additional help to families and friends who are struggling to cope with the bereavement process, such as local hospices, help lines etc.
- 4.2 details of local charities are attached in Appendix 1 this is not exhaustive.

5.0 Risk assessment of recommendations and options

| Risk | Risk Assessment | Risk Level | Risk Management |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| That a charity is | Potential damage | Low | Ensure that there |
| not nominated and | to reputation for | | is a clear list of |
| recycling monies | not carrying out | | nominations of |
| not distributed in | clients instructions | | charities that meet |
| accordance with | | | the brief of the |
| applicants wishes | | | <u>ICCM</u> |
| to recycle | | | |

6 **IMPLICATIONS**

- (a) Relevant Legislation: FBCA Code of Cremation Practice (the professional body which oversees crematoria)
- (b) Human Rights: It is not considered that individual human rights will be infringed.
- (c) Equality and Diversity: No direct impact
- (d) Climate change and environmental sustainability: No direct impact
- (e) Crime and Disorder: No direct impact
- (f) Budget /Resource: There are no budget / resource implications.

For further information please contact S A Curtis Tel: 01623 621811

Listed below are just some suggestions of locally based bereavement charities:-

The Bereavement Trust

Locally based.

The Bereavement Trust was set up in 1992 to support those affected by the Hillsborough and Kegworth air disasters. Our Founder, Reverend David Stoter, recognised a need for bereavement support in the evenings, which can be a particularly difficult and lonely time, especially during the Autumn and Winter months.

Today, The Bereavement Trust is a National Freephone Helpline, operating every evening of the year, without exception. We also co-operate with sister organisations on other bereavement-related initiatives.

Their services include:-

Helpline – Our trained volunteers offer comfort, support and practical advice to the bereaved from 6pm until 10pm.

Children's Cemetery Gardens

In collaboration with District Councils, we helped establish Children's Gardens in cemeteries, enabling grieving parents to derive comfort from special, less formal remembrance areas.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award For Charities

In July 2003, we received The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for Charities, which recognised the help and support we give to the bereaved.

Children's Bereavement Centre - Newark

The Children's Bereavement Centre is run by a committed team of friendly, supportive and professional people who are qualified to help with the grieving process brought on by the death or terminal illness diagnosis of someone close.

The Centre is open to children aged 3 to 18 and offers a welcoming and safe environment for them and their families to receive the help and guidance they need. It's really easy to refer to our services.

John Eastwood Hospice

Hospice services are provided by a multi-disciplinary team, including Consultants in Palliative Medicine, nursing staff, therapists, a social worker and the Chaplain. The Patient/Carer Support Nurse supports carers and bereaved. Clinical Nurse Specialists in the Outreach team are also based at the hospice.

As well as nursing and medical care, the following people may also be involved in patient care.

Physiotherapist/Occupational Therapists

The therapy team work closely together as well as some symptom management will also assist with mobility. They also carry out home assessments for patients being discharged home, and will arrange for the supply of mobility / disability equipment and aids.

Chaplaincy Team

The aim of the hospice is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and their carers.

The Chaplaincy team are here to care by offering friendship, a listening ear, a shoulder to lean on, counselling and prayer, whichever is most appropriate for the individual.

The chaplains are available to everyone, of any faith, or of non.

Social Worker

The social worker will assist with practical issues e.g. arranging financial support, and will be involved in discharge home by arranging the necessary support services in the community. If patients are being discharged to a nursing home, then she may help the patient by arranging visits to view various homes.

Carer Support

Support for carers is offered in several ways, depending on whether individual or group support is required.

Monthly carers' groups are held for all relatives and friends of people connected with the hospice, either as in-patients or day care patients, or through the Outreach Nursing Service. The group provides an informal, friendly atmosphere where carers can meet with other carers and take the opportunity to discuss any issues, or just relax and enjoy a break from caring.

The patient/Carer Support Nurse attends the group to offer advice and is available to discuss any problems.

Bereavement Services

We believe that caring for dying people includes caring for the carers or relatives and friends, and so we offer a bereavement service for those who may need our support. We offer individual support in person or on the telephone, and also hold bereavement support groups.

We hold commemoration services where the bereaved have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of the person who has died.

Beaumond House Hospice

Beaumond House Community Hospice is a registered charity committed to providing supportive palliative care to patients and their families living in Newark and district, an area of approximately 15 miles radius.

We have 4 in-patient beds for people with palliative care needs, a day therapy as well as a Hospice at Home service providing compassionate support to the community. We also offer a Resource and Information Service based at Beaumond House.

We are contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, to provide a friendly ear, general information or to signpost patients, relatives and carers to appropriate resources, services and self-help groups in the Newark area.

MANSFIELD & DISTRICT CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT

1.0 **Summary**

1.1 To update the Joint Committee on the proposed timelines for work relating to the abatement equipment to ensure operation in accordance with Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 which are made under the Pollution, Prevention and Control Act 1999 and cascaded down to crematoria under the Process Guidance Notes PG5/2(12).

2 Recommendations

i) that the report is noted for information only.

3 <u>Background Information</u>

- 3.1 The crematorium is subject to regulation under the Environmental Protection Act through the local environmental health department (Mansfield District Council) and as a has to ensure that it reduces its impact on the environment through reducing emissions to atmosphere of substances including mercury (found in dental amalgam) and dioxins.
- 3.2 In the past changes in regulation have been achieved by installing new equipment (4 new cremators installed to comply with changes to legislation c.1990) and monitoring what was placed in a coffin and the make up of the coffin which is still adhered to.
- 3.3 As previously reported abatement equipment was installed and operated but has now come to the end of its workable life and the Joint Committee sanctioned the funding of replacement of the equipment to ensure compatibility with the existing cremators including the removal of one of the existing 4.
- 3.4 The order has been placed with Matthews to ensure compatibility with the existing cremators as the control system for the abatement has to work in sync with the cremators.
- 3.5 Currently all documentation is with legal services and contracts are due to be signed.
- 3.6 The scope of the work is quite extensive and at the moment we are establishing exactly where all the equipment will fit within the existing footprint to ensure that there is good access for maintenance.
- 3.7 The proposed projected plan of works is attached as Appendix 1 but will be subject to change depending on weather conditions and possible location of the stack pipes.
- 3.8 Impact on services will be kept to a minimum with all aspects of scheduling being discussed prior, with the Director & Registrar.

5 Risk assessment of recommendations and options

| Risk | Risk Assessment | Risk Level | Risk Management |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|
| That not carrying | Potential damage | Low | Finance has been |
| out the work would | to reputation risk | | secured and |
| cause the | of closure to | | project has |
| crematorium to not | operate | | commenced. |
| comply with the | | | |
| Environmental | | | CAMEO has been |
| Protection | | | extended into |
| legislation | | | 2020. |

6 **IMPLICATIONS**

- (a) Relevant Legislation: Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 which are made under the Pollution, Prevention and Control Act 1999 and cascaded down to crematoria under the Process Guidance Notes PG5/2(12).
- (b) Human Rights: It is not considered that individual human rights will be infringed.
- (c) Equality and Diversity: No direct impact
- (d) Climate change and environmental sustainability: No direct impact
- (e) Crime and Disorder: No direct impact
- (f) Budget /Resource: Budget has been allocated for 2019/2020 financial year.

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APPENDIX 1

Please note that approximations of days have been included but not dates as we have no official start date until contracts are signed off.

Wherever possible works will be scheduled for weekends with only quieter works being undertaken during the working week to allow for continuation of service.

PRELIMINARIES AND PROCUREMENT

- 2 Contract award
- 3 Initial project and planning review with client has taken place
- 4 Preliminary design review
- 5 Contract review meeting with client has taken place
- 6 Detail design development
- 7 Create P&IDs and produce BOM/item list
- 8 Order long lead time items
- 9 Delivery of major equipment

10 SITE SETUP & REMOVAL OF EXISTING PLANT 52 days Fri - Sun over several weekends

- 11 Take possession of site 0 days
- 12 Set up site compound and welfare facilities 3 days
- 13 Set all cremators to bypass
- 14 Decommission abatement systems and carry out electrical isolations 5 days
- 15 Drain Glycol circuits and empty carbon beds 2 days Sat/Sun
- 16 Remove carbon beds, ID fans, air blast coolers 2 days Sat / Sun
- 17 Partially dismantle steel mezzanine to facilitate bag filter removal 5 days Mon Fri
- 18 Remove bag filters and compressor 2 days Sat /Sun
- 19 Remove first heat exchanger 1 day Fri
- 20 Remove second heat exchanger 1 day Sat
- 21 Remove third heat exchanger 1 day Sun
- 22 Decommission cremator 1 1 day
- 23 Rip out cremator 1 refractories 4 days Tue Fri
- 24 Remove cremator 1 exhaust ductwork 2 days Sat / Sun
- 25 Remove cremator 1 carcass 3 days Fri Sun
- 26 PLANT INSTALLATION 106 days
- 27 Refurbish floor in cremator 1 area 5 days Mon Fri
- 28 Take down compressor brick enclosure 2 days Sat / Sun
- 29 Extend yard area 14 days
- 30 Modifications to steel mezzanines to accommodate new equipment 14 days
- 31 Modifications to yard area plinths to accommodate new equipment 5 days
- 33 Install new flue offtakes to cremators 3 days Fri -Sun
- 34 Install new heat exchangers on front aspect roof area 1 day Sat
- 35 Install cremator to heat exchanger connecting ducts 3 days Fri Sun
- 36 Assemble new pump sets on internal steel mezzanine 5 days Mon Fri
- 37 Install bag filters in yard area 2 days Sat / Sun
- 38 Install reagent dosing units 1 day Sun
- 39 Install new air blast coolers and induced draught fans 2 days Sat / Sun
- 40 Install compressors 1 day Sun
- 41 Install internconnecting ducting 14 days
- 42 Install heat dissipation pipework 10 days
- 43 Install compressed air delivery pipework 5 days
- 44 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION 63 days
- 45 Install abatement control panels 2 days Sat /Sun

- 46 Install abatement electrical devices 2 days
- 47 Install 2-into-1 abatement system electrical wiring 14 days
- 48 Install first cremator control panel 1 day Sun
- 49 Electrical wiring to first cremator 7 days
- 50 Install single abatement system electrical wiring 14 days
- 51 Install second cremator control panel 1 day Sat
- 52 Electrical wiring to second cremator 7 days
- 53 Install third cremator control panel 1 day Sat
- 54 Electrical wiring to third cremator 6 days
- 55 TESTING & COMMISSIONING 68 days
- 56 Pre-commission first cremator 2 days
- 57 Commission first cremator 3 days
- 58 First cremator operational (unabated) 0 days
- 59 Pre-commission second cremator 2 days
- 60 Commission second cremator 4 days 61 Second cremator operational (unabated) 0 days
- 62 Pre-commission 2-into-1 abatement system 4 days
- 63 Commission 2-into-1 abatement system 8 days
- 64 First two cremators operational (abated) 0 days
- 65 Pre-commission third cremator 3 days
- 66 Commission third cremator 4 days
- 67 Third cremator operational (unabated) 0
- 68 Pre-commission single abatement system 3 days
- 69 Commission single abatement system 5 days
- 70 Practical completion all three cremators running abated 0 days
- 71 Full operator training 10 days
- 72 COMPLETION AND SITE HANDOVER 53 days
- 73 O&M manuals issued, on site H&S file and CDM file updated 25 days
- 74 Clear site and deep clean 2 days Sat / Sun
- 75 Independent emissions testing 5 days
- 76 Final handover meeting 0 days