

## **MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE**

**23 May 2022**

### **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

#### **1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report proposes that a revised Agreement is adopted in relation to the Mansfield and District Crematorium Committee, to reflect governance changes at Newark & Sherwood District Council.
- 1.2 The Joint Committee is also asked to consider whether the Agreement should be further amended to clarify which decisions are reserved to the Joint Committee, and which decisions Officers are authorised to take.
- 1.3 A template for all future Joint Committee reports is also attached for information.

#### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **To be resolved:**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves the revised Agreement in relation to the Mansfield and District Crematorium Committee, for formal signature by each of the constituent Authorities.
- 2.2 Whether proposals for further amendment to the Agreement should be brought to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.
- 2.3 That the template for future Joint Committee reports be noted.

#### **3.0 Background Information**

- 3.1 Newark & Sherwood District Council is to adopt a new system of governance from 17 May 2022; Executive Arrangements. The agreement under which the Joint Committee operates (the Agreement) needs to be amended to reflect this change.
- 3.2 Members have previously requested that the Agreement is reviewed to provide clarity in respect of the extent of delegation to Officers for decision-making.

#### **4.0 Proposals**

- 4.1 In respect of paragraph 3.2 above, the Joint Committee is asked to consider whether any additional provisions should be added to the Governance Agreement, for example in relation to the escalation of matters that are strategically significant or contentious from Officers to the Joint Committee, whether the provisions about budget setting could be more prescriptive, and the scope of decisions in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Crematorium site that should be reserved to the Joint Committee.

4.2 Newark & Sherwood District Council has updated its report templates as part of its change in governance arrangements. For consistency going forward, all reports will be presented to Committee in the revised format, an example of which is attached at **Appendix 2**.

#### Background Papers

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