

## **MANSFIELD & DISTRICT CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **TITLE : Meeting with Funeral Directors and Crematorium Visit**

#### **1.0 Summary**

1.1 To present an up-date on the proposal to meet with Funeral Directors and tour the crematorium

#### **2 Recommendations**

- i) That a group of funeral directors be invited to meet with members of the committee immediately following the May meeting of the Joint Committee.
- ii) That there is an open invitation to all members of the Joint Committee to visit the crematorium, but that a formal visit will take place on the day of the May meeting.
- iv) That feedback from the meeting and visit will feed into the commercial review.

#### **3 Background Information**

3.1 It has previously been agreed to hold a meeting with Funeral Directors to try and establish why families choose a particular crematorium to hold their funeral service.

3.2 Due to the time of year which is notoriously busy for this industry it is impractical to try and get a group of funeral directors to a meeting until bookings slow down.

3.3 The requirement to take a large number of people around Mansfield Crematorium during a normal working day means that service times would have to be restricted and currently the number of funeral bookings being taken prevents this from occurring.

3.4 The opportunity of having a group of funeral directors who are representative of their industry and also the area we serve will give valuable insight into both how they work and what their incentive is to take funerals to different crematoria.

#### **4 Risk assessment of recommendations and options**

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Risk Assessment</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Risk Management</u>
That funeral directors will not wish to take part in such discussions	Potential lack of industry and local knowledge to feed into report	Low	Ensure that there is a realistic representation of the industry present at any discussion.

5 **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 is limited resource implications as the crematorium chapel may have to be taken out of action for a limited period to allow for access around the building for a large group.

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