



Wednesday, 11 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Bramcote Bereavement Services Joint Committee will be held on Thursday, 19 March 2020 in the Bramcote Crematorium, Coventry Lane, Bramcote, commencing at 6.30 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact Legal Services at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Bramcote Bereavement Services Joint Committee

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies and notification of substitutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 January 2020.

4. MORTALITY PREDICTIONS (Pages 5 - 6)

To provide the Joint Committee with the latest Public Health England mortality predictions.

5. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The dates of the next meetings are as follows:

25 June 2020 - Bramcote Crematorium (Annual Meeting)

6. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

7. CREMATORIUM UPDATE (Pages 7 - 22)

BRAMCOTE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY 2020

Broxtowe Borough Council:

Councillors R I Jackson
M Radulovic MBE

Erewash Borough Council:

Councillors C Hart
G Hickton
M Powell

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S J Carr.

45 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

46 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

47 **CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2019**

The Joint Committee received an update on the Christmas Service of Remembrance held on Sunday 1 December 2019. It was noted that 164 people attended the service and positive feedback was received.

48 **CREMATION NUMBERS AND MINOR IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

The Joint Committee were updated on the cremation numbers and minor improvements undertaken at the crematorium. It was noted that there had been a minor decrease in cremation numbers due to additional crematoriums opening within the area.

49 **REVENUE ESTIMATES 2019/2 AND 2020/21**

The Joint Committee considered the Revenue Estimates 2019/20 and 2020/21. It was noted that due to competing crematoriums within the area there had been a decline in surplus funding. It was proposed that the crematorium invest in a marketing strategy to increase the level of business. The Joint Committee requested that a further report on the marketing strategy be brought to a future meeting.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The revised estimate for 2019/20 and the base estimate for 2020/21 as submitted at appendix 2 be approved.**
- 2. An amount of £7,800 be provided to cover inflation during 2020/21.**
- 3. An amount of £115,000 be provided to cover revenue developments during 2020/21 as outlined in appendix 3 of the report.**
- 4. The fees and charges as detailed in appendix 4 be implemented.**
- 5. An amount of £300,000 be distributed to each of the constituent authorities in 2020/21.**

50 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2022/23

The Joint Committee considered the Medium Term Financial Strategy for Bramcote Crematorium for the 2022/23 period.

RESOLVED that the medium term financial strategy for Bramcote Crematorium be approved.

51 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2019/20

The Joint Committee noted the performance levels for the crematorium in 2019/20.

52 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the meeting of the Joint Committee be held in 2019/20 as follows:

(Annual Meeting) 25 June 2020 - Bramcote Crematorium

53 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

54 POTENTIAL LAND SALE/REDEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO THE CREMATORIUM SITE

RESOLVED to DECLARE the land surplus to the Crematorium's requirements and RECOMMENDED to the executives of both constituent authorities that delegated authority be given to Broxtowe's Deputy Chief Executive and s.151 officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee and Erewash's s.151 officer, the initial negotiations with the prospective land purchaser, subject to appropriate buffering arrangements between the Crematorium and the proposes housing developments.

This page is intentionally left blank

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

MORTALITY PREDICTIONS

1. Purpose of report

To provide the Joint Committee with the latest Public Health England mortality predictions.

2. Background and Detail

At its meeting of 17 October 2019 Joint Committee noted and requested the following:

“the data projections for predicted annual death rates be updated and submitted to the next meeting as a result of life expectancies reportedly having plateaued and no longer increasing.”

All the information quoted in this report is taken from the Public Health England report: “Health Profile for England 2019” published 11 September 2019 and updated 24 September 2019.

Historically it was felt that the death rate, and hence the number of deaths, would significantly increase from 2015 onwards as the first years of the “Baby Boom” generation reached the age of 70. However, this has not happened, primarily due to the increase in life expectancy which has been seen over the last few decades - see first Figure in appendix.

The second Figure in the appendix shows mortality rates and shows a predicted slow increase for females to 2024 and a predicted slow reduction for males to 2024. Overall, the suggestion is no significant increase or decrease in mortality rates to 2024.

Obviously, there can be short term factors such as a Covid-19 pandemic, although the main impact of such pandemics tends to be to temporarily accelerate the death rate for the elderly and medically vulnerable. In that respect the Crematorium is training up four additional Broxtowe staff as assistant crematorium technicians, to work alongside fully qualified technicians, should that prove necessary.

Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

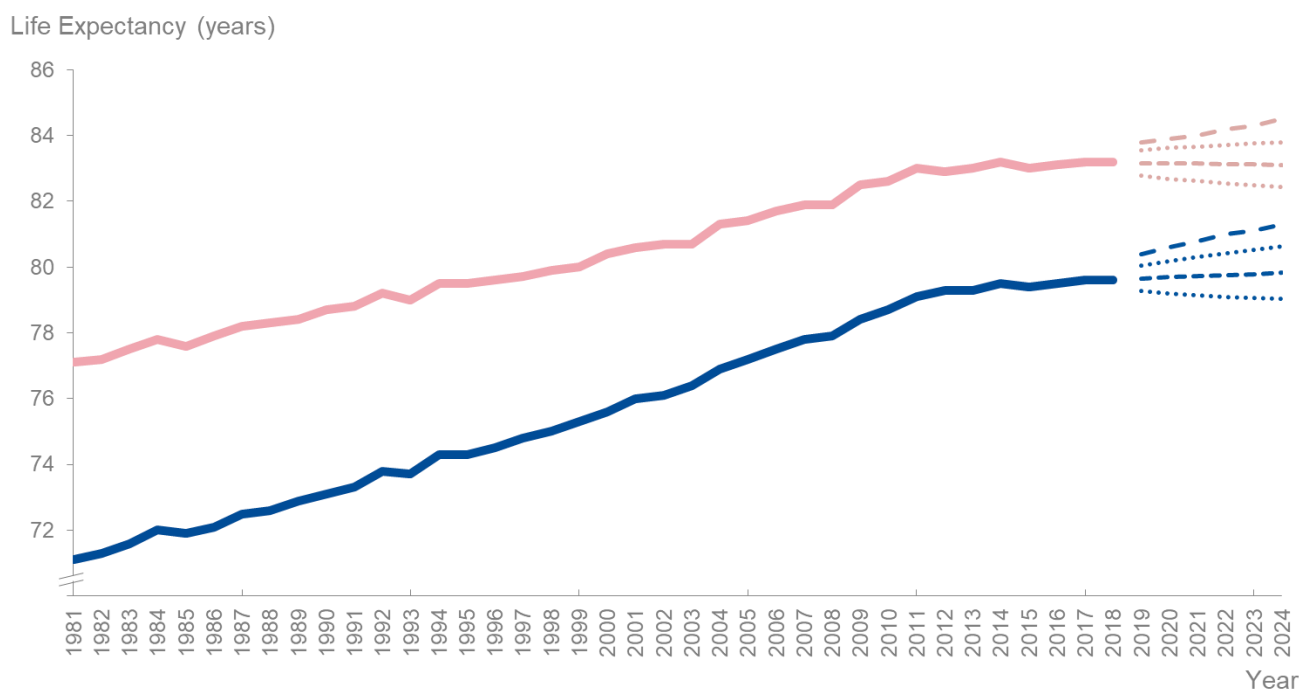
Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

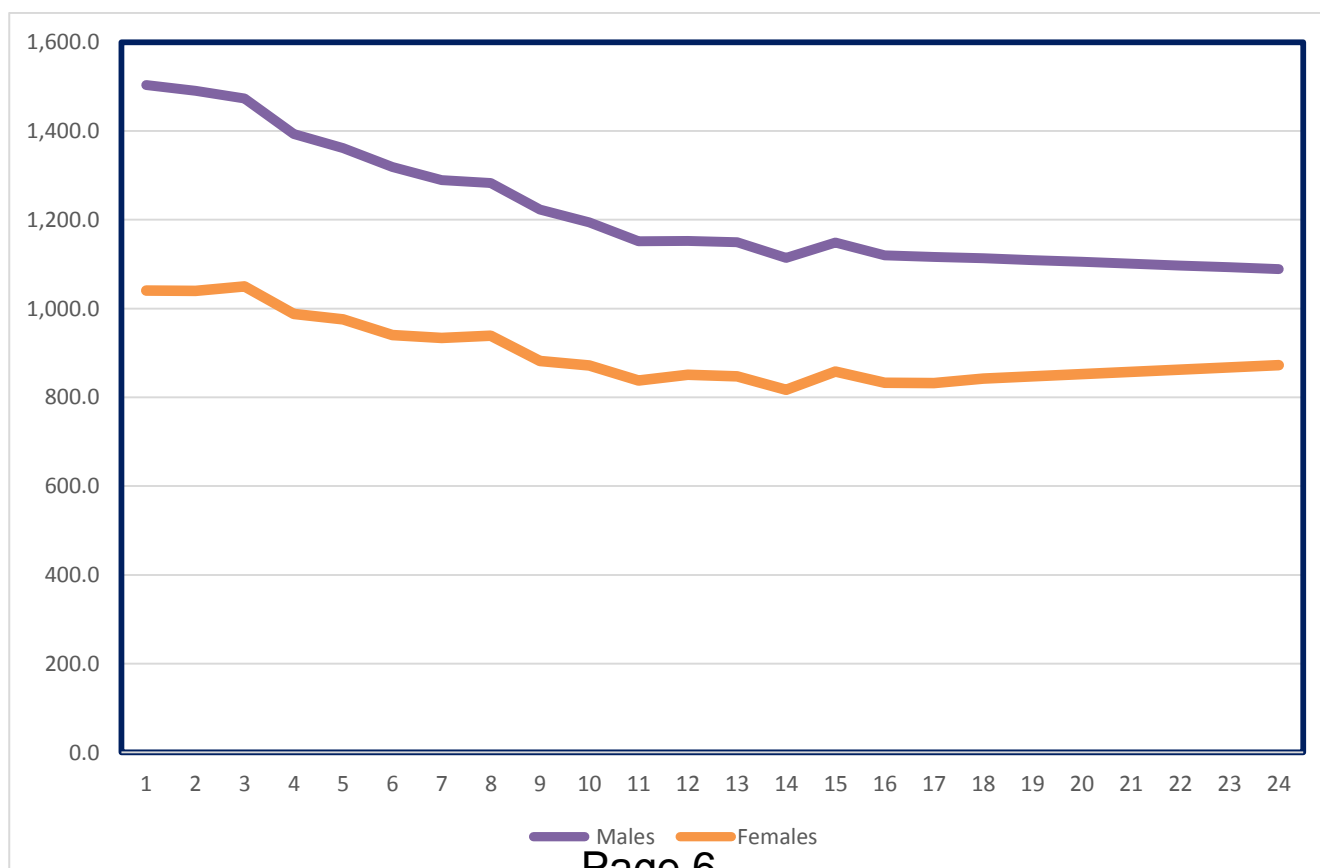
Life Expectancy 1981 – 2018 (and various predictions to 2024)

(source: Public Health England – Red/Top = Female; Blue/Bottom = Male)



Trends in the age-standardised mortality rates from all causes of death, by sex, England, 2001 to 2017 and forecasts for 2018 to 2024 (mortality rate per 100,000 people)

(source: Public Health England – Purple/Top = Female; Orange/Bottom = Male)



Document is Restricted

This page is intentionally left blank

Document is Restricted

This page is intentionally left blank