

BRAMCOTE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026

Present: Councillor J Dawson, Chair

Councillors: B Everett
H G Khaled MBE
W Major
M Radulovic MBE
E Winfield

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

32 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2026 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

33 MARKETING AND PERFORMANCE STRATEGY

The Joint Committee noted the Marketing and Performance Strategy, as presented by the Strategic Business Development Manager.

Members were taken through the cremation figures for March, highlighting an increase in direct cremations.

Members were further advised that the market share had decreased by 0.44% between April 2025 and February 2026. Members were referred to the graph on page 13 of the report, which illustrates the market share achieved.

The Strategic Business Development Manager was pleased to report that 180 members of the public attended the Mothering Sunday event.

The Committee also noted that strategic operational improvements have already delivered a reduction of 91 tons of carbon emissions, equating to a 39% decrease. This reduction covers the period from 1 April 2025 to 28 February 2026, compared with the same period in 2024/25.

The Committee welcomed this significant reduction in carbon emissions.

Members were further updated on the launch of the 'Your Cremation Funeral Service', due to commence at the crematorium on 13 April 2026.

The Committee noted that the impact of the Your Cremation Funeral Service will need to be closely monitored, especially in relation to storage capacity and cremation facilities.

The Committee welcomed the competitive nature of the newly established funeral service.

34 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Joint Committee noted the latest financial performance for Bramcote Crematorium for 2025/26, as presented by the Interim Deputy Chief Executive.

Members were taken through the revised estimates for 2025/26, which reflect an updated projection of £534,500 rather than £549,850.

The savings were also highlighted, along with an explanation of where these had arisen from.

Questions were raised regarding employee-related expenses, and clarification was sought on part-time vacant posts and whether these were expected to be filled.

The Committee was advised that several part-time members had left in recent months due to retirement and other employment opportunities. It is anticipated that these positions will be filled on a full-time basis by Autumn 2026, alongside the establishment of the Your Cremation Funeral Service.

Clarification was also sought on the Repairs and Maintenance budget - General and Cremators, including whether the negotiations had concluded and the outcome of discussions. Members were advised that negotiations were close to completion and were updated on the figures relating to the reduction.

35 WORK PROGRAMME

The Joint Committee noted the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.

36 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

37 UPDATE REPORT ON THE SALE OF PAMELA COTTAGE TO BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL (HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT)

The Joint Committee received an update on the sale of Pamela Cottage to Broxtowe Borough Council.

38 BUSINESS GROWTH

The Joint Committee received a verbal update on the Business Growth report.