

Report of the Strategic Director

CREMATION NUMBERS AND OTHER UPDATES1. Purpose of report

To provide the Joint Committee with the latest update on cremation numbers and other aspects of Bramcote Crematorium.

2. Background and Detail

At its meeting of January 2020 Joint Committee noted and requested the following:

“Concern was raised that the number of cremations was lower than anticipated which created a budget shortfall. RESOLVED that a detailed report on cremation numbers ... be brought to the Joint Committee.”

<u>Month</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
April	249	310	262	190	228	190	302
May	233	229	231	230	251	230	283
June	206	299	246	253	198	212	188
July	236	233	213	200	178	196	178
August	234	210	201	181	201	194	179
September	233	219	233	198	153	175	182
October	261	236	212	207	191	207	203
November	268	237	255	221	221	210	222
December	298	295	257	235	196	202	
January	309	261	315	298	273	272	
February	321	305	315	269	241	204	
<u>March</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>240</u>	
TOTAL	3171	3134	3003	2745	2548	2532	1737

It can be seen that COVID 19 had some impact on increased funeral numbers in March this year and a significant impact in April and May. However, funeral numbers at Bramcote Crematorium have returned to more comparable levels from June onwards.

The appendix also has information on: -

- Building fabric update
- Bereavement software
- Projected Cremation

Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Building fabric update

- Current capacity for mourners is 30 in the larger Serenity Chapel and 20 in the smaller Reflection Chapel. At the time of writing funeral numbers are restricted by law to a maximum of 30 people.
- The £40,000 allocated for roof repairs in 2020/21 will be spent before the financial year end.

Bereavement software

The tendering exercise has now completed and awarded to Manuscripti. It is anticipated that testing of the software will commence late January 2021 with a target to be fully installed and operational from September 2021.

Projected Cremation

Based on the current numbers it is likely that the number of cremations for 2020/21 will be in line with the number predicted. Therefore, the financial distribution to each authority should also be in line with level predicted.

The graph below shows the levels of cremations per month.

