

**Report of the Executive Director**

<b>EXTERNAL ADVICE ON CREMATOR REPLACEMENT</b>
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1. Purpose of the report

To update Members on the progress made with regards seeking specialist external advice on the replacement of the cremators.

2. Background

Following Committee approval in October 2021 specialist advice with regards cremator replacement has been appropriately procured. The feasibility study will entail evaluating a number of different aspects, including;

- Gas versus electric capital and whole life costs
- Costs versus benefits of 2 or 3 cremator
- Associated building fabric, operational and staffing implications of the various options.

The contract, to the value of £9,625, was awarded to Rose Project Management who are experienced in undertaking these types of projects. At the time of writing this report a project mobilisation meeting was in the process of being arranged. A verbal update will be provided at Committee on the 13 January 2022.

3. Financial implications

The financial implications of the additional expenditure will be met through either an increase in income received above the projected levels or through contingency funds within the overall crematorium budgets.

<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
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<b>The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE the report.</b>
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Background papers

Nil.