

Report of the Executive Director

CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2021
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1. Purpose of the report

To provide members of the Joint Committee with an update on the Christmas Service of Remembrance 2021.

2. Background

The annual Christmas Service of Remembrance was held on Saturday 4 December 2021. The chapel was open at 10.30am with the service commencing at 11am. The service was attended by 90 members of the public.

Each year Bramcote Crematorium holds at least one Service of Remembrance. This is part of providing professional, compassionate and sensitive bereavement services. The Service of Remembrance also assists with:

- Providing comfort and reassurance to the bereaved
- Promoting the crematorium and bereavement services
- Gaining valuable customer feedback on the services provided by Bramcote Bereavement Services.

Due to COVID-19 the Christmas Service of Remembrance 2021 was limited to 90 members of the public. Further information relating the 2021 Service of Remembrance is shown in the appendix.

3. Financial Implications

The cost of providing the Service of Remembrance 2021 was approximately £1000. The cost was contained within existing budgets.

<u>Recommendation</u>

The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE this report.
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Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Annual Christmas Service of Remembrance 2021

At the service members of the public were invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. The names of the loved one's were also read out during the service.

The service was led by a local civil celebrant supported by performances of Christmas songs by a local professional singer. The names of the loved ones were read out during the Act of Remembrance by a representative of Gillotts Funeral Directors and the Council's Senior Crematorium Technician.

The annual Christmas Service of Remembrance was also available on webcast for people to view at home. The service was available online from the 4 December to 11 December 2021 inclusive.

As an additional Christmas experience the Memory Christmas Tree was erected in the Book of Remembrance Room and members of the public were invited to add a tag to the tree in memory of loved ones. The tree remained in place throughout December and proved popular.