

**Report of the Executive Director**

**REPLACEMENT CREMATORS**

1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Joint Committee with an update on the progress with regards replacement cremators.

2. Recommendation

**The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE this report.**

3. Detail

The project working group continues to meet on a scheduled basis with regards the procurement of new cremators. The working group consists of representatives from both Broxtowe and Erewash Borough Councils.

Rochdale Borough Council are currently going through a replacement cremator exercise similar to that of Bramcote Crematorium. A site visit was recently undertaken to learn from their experiences. The site visit was extremely useful with insights being gained in how they procured the services of both a consultancy and the suppliers needed to deliver a successful project.

A consultancy specification is currently being drawn up which details the assistance and project management which will be required to assist and lead in the delivery of this project. At the time of writing, the timescales for the framework to be live which the cremators are likely to be sourced from is March 2023.

The project is programmed to be delivered in the summer of 2024 with the capital commitment being included in the respective Capital Programmes and the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2024/25.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

The budget for the replacement of the cremators will be included in the respective Capital Programmes and Medium Term Financial Strategies for 2024/25. A budget allocation of £20,000 is included within the agreed budgets for 2022/23 for consultancy fees for assistance with the project delivery. Should there be a need to increase this allocation in order to progress the project, a further report will be brought to Joint Committee for Members' consideration.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer were as follows:

There are no direct legal implications that arise from this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

No comments

7. Union Comments

No comments

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

No comments

9. Equality Impact Assessment

No comments

10. Background Papers

Nil