

BRAMCOTE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2023

Broxtowe Borough Council:

Councillors S J Carr
M Radulovic MBE
R I Jackson

Erewash Borough Council:

C Hart
V Clare

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W Major.

31 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations interest.

32 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

33 **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

The Joint Committee consider the charitable organisation which would receive the charitable donation in 2023/24 from the funds raised through the metals recycling scheme.

RESOLVED that Cruse Bereavement Support and The Children's Bereavement Centre receive the charitable donation in 2023/24 from the funds raised through the metals recycling scheme.

34 **CREMATION NUMBERS AND MARKETING STRATEGY**

The Joint Committee were provided with an update on cremation numbers and the marketing strategy.

It should be noted that the death rate in the core and target areas, as described in our marketing strategy, areas between April 2022 and January 2023 has decreased by 9.7% compared to the same period in 2021/22. Despite the decrease in the death rate the overall market share in the core and target areas has increased by 11%.

35 FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24

Members considered proposed fees and charges for the financial year 2023/24, in accordance with the service objective of providing efficient arrangements for funeral directors and clergy which meet the need of their service users at a reasonable cost.

RESOLVED that the fees and charges from 1 April 2023, as detailed in the appendix, be approved.

36 REPLACEMENT CREMATOR

The Joint Committee noted the progress with regards replacement cremators.

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.

A consultancy specification was currently being drawn up which details the assistance and project management which would be required to assist and lead in the delivery of this project.

37 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Joint Committee were updated on the performance levels for Bramcote Crematorium for the financial year-to-date 2022/23.

38 WORK PROGRAMME

The Joint Committee considered the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.