

# **BRAMCOTE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 2023**

Broxtowe Borough Council:

H G Khaled MBE  
M Radulovic MBE

Erewash Borough Council:

J Dawson  
B Everett  
C M Poole

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S J Carr.

39 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED that Councillor J Dawson be appointed Chair of the Committee.**

40 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIR**

**RESOLVED that Councillor M Radulovic MBE be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee.**

41 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

42 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 16 March 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

43 **ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23**

The Joint Committee considered the Annual Report and Management Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 in accordance with the vision of working to provide the most professional, compassionate and sensitive services to meet the needs and expectations of people using Bramcote Crematorium.

The accounts for the Bramcote Bereavement Services show a revenue account deficit of £74,186 for the financial year ended 31 March 2023. The surplus on operations for the year was £608,398, which is £79,948 higher than the original budget approved in January 2022. The accumulated revenue surplus as at 31 March 2023 was £376,100.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The Annual Report and Management Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2022/23 be approved as the basis for generating accounting entries to the two constituent authorities.**
- 2. The accumulated revenue surplus and other investments be retained by the Joint Committee for future use with the position being reviewed when the 2023/24 revised estimates are considered.**
- 3. Budget carry forward requests totalling £49,500, as outlined in the report, be approved and included as development budgets in the 2023/24 budget.**

44 CREMATION NUMBERS

The Joint Committee were provided with an update on cremation numbers.

It should be noted that the death rate in crematoriums core and targeted areas between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 has decreased by 11.18% compared to the same period in 2021/22. Despite the decrease in the death rate the overall market share in the core and targeted areas has increased by 11.3% resulting in an increase of one adult cremation.

The overall growth in cremation numbers and increase in market share can be attributable in part to the successful implementation of the Marketing Strategy adopted by the Joint Committee in 2022.

45 WORK PROGRAMME/SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Joint Committee considered the Work Programme. It was requested that a report on the Pamela Cottage and the crematorium land sale be added to a future meeting.

**RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved, subject to the addition of reports on Pamela Cottage and the crematorium land sale be added to the Work Programme.**

46 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

**RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

47 PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE

**RESOLVED that the revised structure within Bramcote Bereavement Services be approved, with the additional cost of £50,400 in 2023/24 being met by an increase of £25,000 in the total income budget with the balance being met from Revenue Account Balances.**

48 CREMATOR REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The Joint Committee noted the update.