

Report of the Executive Director

CHARITABLE DONATIONS 20231. Purpose of Report

To provide the Joint Committee with an update on the charitable donation approved by the Joint Committee March 2023 to The Children's Bereavement Centre and Cruse, and to seek approval of the charitable organisation which will receive the charitable donation from funds raised through the latest round of the metals recycling scheme.

2. Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked:

1. **to NOTE the report of the charitable donation approved March 2023.**
2. **to RESOLVE that the charitable organisation which will receive the charitable donation from funds raised through the latest round of the metals recycling scheme be approved.**

3. Detail

The Joint Committee considered the charitable organisation which would receive the charitable donation in round one from the funds raised through the metals recycling scheme. The Joint Committee resolved that Cruse Bereavement and The Children's Bereavement Centre receive the funds.

Both charitable organisations were present at Bramcote Bereavement Services open day where the presentation of cheques was carried out. Both charities are in discussions with Bramcote Bereavement Service's to progress relations for future events. Bramcote Bereavement Services have received the letter from both charities which are included at appendix 1. Appendix 2 is included later in the agenda as an exempt item as it contains a number of case studies to illustrate the work of Me & Dee charity.

It is usual practice for the scheme to operate one nomination round each year. The ICCM for 2023 have opened a second nomination round for charitable organisations to benefit. It is anticipated that £12,000 will be the donation to the successful charitable organisation. However, the amount cannot be confirmed at this stage.

It is common place in modern medical practice for people to have artificial orthopaedic implants such as hip and knee replacement joints. Often these implants are metal. Following the cremation, the metal implants are extracted from the cremated remains. The separated metals are subsequently classified as waste and need to be disposed of accordingly. The ICCM, as the recognised industry body, facilitates an approved national metal collection service. The metals are collected for recycling by a ICCM approved contractor. Bramcote

Crematorium is one of the many crematoria in the country which are part of this collaborative approach to metal recycling.

The ICCM receive payment from the contractor for the metals collected. The funds are then shared out equally on an annual basis amongst the crematoria who support the national scheme. The funds are allocated on the basis that they are then given to local bereavement charities. Since its creation the national scheme has raised over £15 million for charities. The recycling of metals resulting from cremation is only carried out with the written consent of each bereaved family. If a family wishes to have the metal implants returned to them this is arranged.

A Charity currently working closely with Bramcote Crematorium supporting families has been identified. It is considered that Members of the Joint Committee should be the deciding arm with regards to which charity should receive the annual donation. Whilst Members may decide a different charity is more appropriate, the charity which has been identified and is to be considered for the donation is:

- Me & Dee Charity

Further information on the charity is shown in the confidential appendix 2.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:
There are no direct financial implications for the service arising from this report.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal Services were as follows:
No comments

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.