

Report of the Executive Director

Update on Replacement Cremators

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

3. Detail

The project group continues to meet on a fortnightly basis. The group consists of representatives from Broxtowe Borough Council, Rose Project Management, the appointed design teams and cremator manufacturer Facultative Technologies. A representative from Erewash Borough Council is invited to attend. **Appendix 1** details the current position within the programme and comparison of efficiency between the currently operated cremators and those to be installed. **Appendix 2** details the original project programme issued at initiation of the project, with **Appendix 3** detailing the updated cremator replacement programme issued by Facultative Technologies.

4. Financial Implications

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

The approved Bramcote Bereavement Services budget for 2024/25 includes £1.8m for the installation of new replacement cremators and associated works. The cost of this capital investment is being jointly and equally funded by Broxtowe and Erewash Borough Councils who have arranged the financing within their own respective capital programmes.

There is also the balance of an earlier revenue development budget approved in 2023/24 towards initial Consultancy costs. The balance of this budget was brought forward into 2024/25 at £117,700 (spend of £42,300 in 2023/24 against a total budget of £160,000).

5. Legal Implications

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

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Not applicable.

7. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

Not applicable.

8. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

11. Background Papers

Nil.