

BRAMCOTE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2025

Present: Councillor M Radulovic MBE, Chair

Councillors: J Dawson (Vice-Chair)
B Everett
J Hare

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H G Khaled MBE and E Winfield

28 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declaration of interest.

29 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2025 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

30 **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Joint Committee noted the latest financial performance for Bramcote Crematorium for 2024/25.

It was noted that there had been fewer than anticipated cremations. This has potentially created an income budget shortfall of over £250k. The likely reduction in income has been partially mitigated by reduced spending, including a development budget which is not needed at this time.

31 **CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2025/26**

The Joint Committee noted the charitable organisation which would receive the charitable donation in 2025/26 from the funds raised through the metals recycling scheme.

RESOLVED that Treetops Hospice, Derbyshire and Alzheimer's Society, Nottingham Branch be awarded the charitable donations.

32 **MARKETING AND PERFORMANCE STRATEGY**

The Joint Committee noted the Joint Committee with an update on performance and marketing.

Invoices for cremation fees raised between 1 April 2024 and 31 January 2025 equates to £1.547m compared to £1.469m during the same period 2023/24. This is an additional £78k in revenue helping to mitigate the additional costs related to service provision.

33 UPDATE ON REPLACEMENT CREMATORS

The Joint Committee were provided with an update on the progress of the replacement cremators project.

It was noted that phase four of the project would commence on 24 March 2025. This will see the removal of the second cremator and associated enabling works for the installation of the second FTIII cremator.

The project is currently on target to complete in July 2025.

34 WORK PROGRAMME

The Joint Committee discussed the Work Programme. It was requested that a Fuel Efficiency Report and Financial Saving Report be included on the Work Programme for every quarter.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, with the inclusion of a Fuel Efficiency Report and Financial Saving Report, be approved.

35 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

36 BUSINESS GROWTH REPORT

RESOLVED that further investigation into the addition of the service to Bramcote Bereavement Services' current service portfolio be approved.

37 LAND SALE TO PETER JAMES HOMES

The Joint Committee noted the report.

38 OPPORTUNITY TO SELL PAMELA COTTAGE TO BROXTOWE HRA

The Joint Committee noted the report.