

Report of the Executive Director

Update on Replacement Cremators
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1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Joint Committee with an update on the progress of 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.

At the time of this Committee meeting the installation of the first new FTIII cremator will be ready to commence and it is anticipated that the project will have completed the following actions:

- Refrigeration installed and operational.
- The operational bypass will be installed for cremator 300/2 providing continuity of service.
- Abatement plant removed.
- First cremator decommissioned and removed.
- All associated building works complete.

A full verbal update will be given on the evening of the Joint Committee in order to confirm the progress made since writing this report.

The actions that are planned for completion between this Joint Committee and the next committee in March include:

- Installation, commission, training and first cremations with new FTIII cremator.
- Second cremator decommissioned and removed.
- Installation of second new FTIII cremator.

4. Financial Implications

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

The approved 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).

There remains an expectation that the project will be delivered on budget.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

7. Union Comments

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.