

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

At the time of this Committee meeting the first stage of enabling works will have been completed with the new FTIII cremator in position, commissioned and operational. During this phase the project team have worked to overcome issues that have arisen, which includes a failing lintel and electrical wiring issues.

Phase four of the project will 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.

At the time of writing this report the appointed main contractor has withdrawn from the project. The project team initiated a dialogue with the contractor to agree a final price for the work, but unfortunately the talks broke down mid-February 2025 without an agreement being reached.

The Nottingham County Council Procurement department advised that due to the reduced timescales and in order to directly award the contract a Financial Procedure Rules waiver would be required. A report was submitted to the Broxtowe Borough Council Cabinet on 11 March 2025 seeking approval of the appropriate waiver.

Broxtowe Borough Council approached Miller Knight (MK) and provided it with all required tender information to enable it to submit a price by 28 February 2025.

A full verbal update will be given on the evening of the Joint Committee in order to confirm the appointment of a new contractor.

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 respective capital programmes.

There is also the balance of £117k brought forward from an earlier development budget approved in 2023/24 towards initial consultancy costs.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

7. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

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.