

BRAMCOTE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2025

Present: Councillor J Dawson, Chair

Councillors: E Winfield
J Dawson
B Everett
J Hare
M Radulovic MBE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor H G Khaled MBE.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor J Dawson be appointed Chair of the Bramcote Bereavement Service Joint Committee.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor M Radulovic MBE be appointed Vice Chair of the Bramcote Bereavement Service Joint Committee.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

4. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2025 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5. **ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2024/25**

The Joint Committee were presented with the Annual Report and Management Statement of Accounts for 2024/25 in accordance with the vision of working to provide the most professional, compassionate and sensitive services to meet the needs and expectations of people using Bramcote Crematorium.

The accounts for Bramcote Bereavement Services show a revenue account surplus of £3,555 for the financial year ended 31 March 2025. The surplus on operations for the year was £596,856, which was significantly higher than the original budget approved in January 2024 due to the timing of spends on the major capital development works.

The net surplus for the year was added to the accumulated Revenue Account surplus which on 31 March 2025 amounted to £329,823.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Annual Report and Management Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2024/25 be approved as the basis for generating accounting entries to the two constituent authorities.**
- 2. The accumulated revenue surplus and other investments be retained by the Joint Committee for future use, with the position being reviewed when the 2025/26 revised estimates are considered.**
- 3. Development budgets carry forward requests totalling £1,366,150, as outlined in the report, be approved and included in the 2025/26 budget.**

6. MARKETING AND PERFORMANCE STRATEGY

The Joint Committee received an update on performance and marketing.

Invoices for cremation fees raised in 2024/25 equates to £1.917m compared to £1.853m in 2023/24. This is an additional £63k in revenue for the Crematorium.

7. UPDATE ON REPLACEMENT CREMATORS

The Joint Committee received an update on the progress of the replacement cremators project.

The Joint Committee noted that the project was in its final stage of commissioning the Flue Gas Treatment (FGT). This refers to the system that processes and cleans the gases produced during cremation, before they are released into the atmosphere. This system is crucial for preventing pollution and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.

8. WORK PROGRAMME AND DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Joint Committee note the Work Programme and requested that a cremator update to be included in the Marketing Report.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, with the addition of a cremator update to be included in the Marketing Report, be approved.

9. 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

10. BUSINESS GROWTH REPORT

RESOLVED authority be delegated to the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, to enter into an agreement with Nottingham City Council.

11. OPPORTUNITY TO SELL PAMELA COTTAGE TO BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL (HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT)

RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Treasurer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, to progress the sale of Pamela Cottage following agreement from the appropriate Committee at Erewash Borough Council.