Report of the Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/19

1. Purpose of report

To present the attached Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 for consideration by the Joint Committee, 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.

2. Detail

Joint committees no longer have a statutory obligation to prepare accounts that will be subject to external audit. The expenditure and income overseen by the Bramcote Bereavement Services Joint Committee will only be subject to statutory audit as part of the main accounts of the constituent audited bodies, namely Broxtowe and Erewash Borough Councils. There is no longer a requirement for an annual return or governance statement for the Bramcote Bereavement Services Joint Committee.

A summary of the overall net expenditure on the Crematorium's General Balance and details of requests to carry forward unspent budget from 2018/19 to 2019/20 are set out in the appendix.

Recommendation

The joint committee is asked to RESOLVE that:

- 1. The attached Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2018/19 be approved as the basis for generating accounting entries to the two constituent authorities
- 2. A requested to carry forward £58,620 from 2018/19 to 2019/20 as per the appendix be approved
- 3. The accumulated revenue surplus and other investments be retained by the Joint Committee for possible future use with the position being reviewed when the revised 2018/19 estimates are considered.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Summary of overall position

The accounts show a revenue account surplus of £312,723 at the end of 2018/19, a decrease of £89,907 when compared to 2017/18 and £35,577 below the estimated amount when the budget was prepared.

Items requested to be carried forward to 2019/20 (total £58,620)

a) Epilog Upgrade (£15,720)

Lack of capacity with the software originally proposed company has further delayed implementation of the software upgrade. A carry forward of this budget to 2019/20 is requested.

b) Heat Exchanger (£23,250)

A budget of £25,000 was set up for this scheme. Expenditure to 31 March 2019 totalled £1,744. Difficulty in finding a specialist supplier and obtaining a full inspection report for Crematorium to help move this scheme forward has resulted in an underspend. Therefore, a carry forward of this budget to 2019/20 is requested to allow the scheme to be completed as intended.

c) Cremator Reline & Hearth (£19,650)

A budget of £35,000 in 2018/19 was established for this scheme. Expenditure to 31 March 2019 totalled £15,329 and saw the hearth replaced. It is proposed that the remaining budget of £19,650 be carried forward to 2019/20 to meet the cost of the cremator reline.