

Joint report of the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and the Strategic and Business Development Manager

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 Joint Committee meeting, the replacement cremators project will have completed its final stage of snagging and handover of equipment. The cremators are fully operational, and cremating abated with the Flue Gas Treatment (FGT) commissioned. 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.

Current data available has already seen a reduction in emissions of 16 tons of Carbon which equates to a 24% reduction. This is over the three months of April May and June 2025 and compared to the same period 2024. Since this data was captured the new abatement system has now been installed and commissioned and with the installation of the plate heat exchange and heat recovery process, will only further improve these efficiency figures. As further data becomes available the Joint Committee will be updated in relation to emissions and efficiency of the new cremators.

A full verbal update will be given on the evening of the Joint Committee in order to confirm the current position.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

The approved capital budget 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:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

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.