

## Report of the Monitoring Officer

**Scrutiny Reviews**1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny. This is in accordance with all the Council's priorities.

2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to NOTE the report.**

3. Detail

The Committee formed a Task and Finish group to consider the issue of Cemetery Memorials. The group met in July to scope the review and work is under way to collect evidence which has involved numerous meetings with the relevant officers, members of the public and site visits. It was initially hoped to consider the report into the issue at the meeting on 20 November 2025, however, due to the large amount of research taking place it is expected that the report will be submitted to a meeting of the Committee in January 2026.

Cabinet will receive updates at each future meeting as to the progress of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme as contained in the attached **Appendix** and is asked to consider the future programme and decision-making with knowledge of the forthcoming scrutiny agenda. The Work Programme also enables Cabinet to suggest topics for future scrutiny.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive were as follows:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

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

Whilst there are no legal implications arising from the report, under Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to make reports or recommendations to Cabinet on matters which affect the Council's area or the inhabitant of its area.

8. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

Not applicable

10. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. 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.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

Not required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.