

Report of the Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/201. Purpose of report

To present the attached Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2019/20 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 2019/20 to 2020/21 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 2019/20 be approved as the basis for generating accounting entries to the two constituent authorities**
- 2. A requested to carry forward £55,505 from 2019/20 to 2020/21 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 2020/21 estimates are considered.**

Background papers

Final accounts working papers

APPENDIXSummary of overall position

The accounts show a revenue account surplus of £99,287 at the end of 2019/20, a decrease of £213,445 when compared to 2018/19 and £20,777 below the estimated amount when the budget was prepared.

Items requested to be carried forward to 2020/21 (total £55,505)a) Epilog Upgrade (£15,720)

Tender bids for a new Bereavement software is currently being evaluated it is hoped an award will be made and the new software implemented in 20/21. A carry forward of this budget to 2020/21 is requested.

b) Heat Exchanger (£20,135)

Difficulty in finding a specialist supplier and obtaining full inspection report for Crematorium to help move this forward has resulted in this underspend, £3,115 was spent in year on preparatory works. Therefore, a carry forward of this remaining budget to 2020/21 is requested.

c) Cremator Reline & Hearth (£19,650)

Hearth replaced in 2018/19 and remaining budget relates to Reline replacement which wasn't required in 19/20. A carry forward of this budget to 2020/21 is requested.