

Key Decision Required	No	In the Forward Plan	No
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## CABINET

4 SEPTEMBER 2015

### REFERENCE FROM SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 27 JULY 2015

#### A.2 INFANT CREMATIONS AND CREMATOR TECHNICIAN TRAINING AT WEELEY CREMATORIUM

(Report Prepared by Colin Sweeney)

#### **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting held on 27 July 2015, the Committee considered a report by the Corporate Director (Public Experience), which advised the Committee of the Council's procedures in respect of infant cremations and cremator technician training at the Weeley Crematorium.

The Council's Open Space and Bereavement Services Manager explained to the Committee that the report aimed to provide reassurance to Members, following recent national events, where parents of deceased infants had campaigned for a national investigation into the lack of ashes being returned to them following a cremation of their deceased children. He detailed the process involved in carrying out cremations and explained that the Council's procedures had been in place for many years. It was stressed that the Council was currently meeting the required standards imposed by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM).

Finally, Members were reassured that, in line with the new additional cremators currently being installed, thorough training would be provided for operators.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET**

Cabinet is now asked to consider the recommendations of the Service Development and Delivery Committee and determine its response if any:

The Committee **COMMENTED TO CABINET** that it was delighted with the detailed report provided and that it was reassured and confident that the Council was meeting the standards required.

#### **PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**

Comments will be provided directly at the meeting.