

BRAMCOTE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

12 JANUARY 2017

Broxtowe Borough Council:

Councillors J S Briggs
R I Jackson

Erewash Borough Council:

Councillors C G Corbett
C Hart
M Powell

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Easom.

12. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2016 were confirmed and signed.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14. REVENUE ESTIMATES 2016/17 AND 2017/18

The Joint Committee noted the proposed revenue budget for the financial year 2017/18, together with the revised estimate for the current year.

It was noted that the Officers were liaising with funeral directors in order to ascertain the charging figures of the newly opened private crematorium in the Gedling area.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The revised estimate for 2016/17 and the base estimate for 2017/18 as submitted at appendix 2 be approved.**
- 2. An amount of £6,600 be provided to cover inflation during 2017/18.**
- 3. An amount of £122,300 be provided to cover revenue developments during 2017/18 as outlined in appendix 3 of the report.**

4. **The fees and charges as detailed in appendix 4 be implemented subject to amendment.**
5. **An amount of £280,000 be distributed to each of the constituent authorities in 2017/18.**

15. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2019/20

The Joint Committee noted the medium term financial strategy for the Bramcote Crematorium through to 2019/20.

It was advised that a balance of at least £90,000 should be retained on the crematorium's revenue reserve to provide available funds to deal with major contingencies and the potential impact on cremation numbers in light of the new crematoria operating in the Nottinghamshire area.

RESOLVED that the medium term financial strategy for Bramcote Crematorium be approved.

16. BEREAVEMENT SERVICES UPDATE

The Joint Committee received an update in regards to Bramcote Bereavement Services. It was noted that the improvement works undertaken to repair the water supply and drainage has been completed. Additionally, the LED lighting conversion had been completed with an estimated £5,000 surplus left over from the project. It was recommended that the remaining funds be used to convert the external lighting to LED lights.

The Joint Committee requested that the Head of Property Services liaise with Nottinghamshire County Council in order to provide better signage to the Crematorium from the A52.

RESOLVED that the remaining LED light conversion budget be used to fund the conversion of external lighting to LED lighting.

17. CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2016

The Joint Committee received a report on the Christmas Service of Remembrance held on Sunday 4, December 2016. It was noted that a cost saving of £534 had been achieved for the 2016 service. The service was attended by 224 people and was well received.

18. WELFARE FUNERALS FOR EX-SERVICE VETERANS

The Joint Committee received an update on the proposal to bear the cost of an officiant at welfare funerals for ex-service veterans from Broxtowe or Erewash.

The Joint Committee queried as to whether it was appropriate for the Crematorium to join the Military Covenant. It was agreed that the Head of Property Services provide further detail in relation to this matter when appropriate.

RESOLVED to bear the cost of an officiant at welfare funerals for ex-service veterans from Broxtowe or Erewash.

Chair _____