

Housing and Community Service Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	16 October 2024
Title of Report:	Bereavement Services Update
Lead Member:	Councillor Sally Haydon (Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Libraries, Events, Cemeteries & Crematoria)
Lead Strategic Director:	Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To provide an update on progress of the Plymouth Crematorium at The Park. As requested by this committee at the meeting in November 2022 this report also outlines the transition to opening and the future of the Efford and Weston Mill sites.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. That the Committee notes the Bereavement Services Update report.
Reason: to update the committee on the progress of the Plymouth Crematorium at The Park including the future of the Efford and Weston Mill sites.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Do nothing – this is not a viable option as Committee have asked for an update

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Council is committed to delivering quality public services and as part of that the Bereavement Service seeks to ensure it provides a high-quality remembrance and cremation service fit for the future. The Plymouth Plan sets out a single vision for the city to 2034 with a clearly stated ambition to grow Plymouth's population as well as new developments on our urban fringes. Crematoria and burial capacity are recognised as a key infrastructure requirement for a growing city.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There is no negative impact forecast on the baseline net revenue position as a result of this report. In the event of unforeseen revenue costs these will be fed into the preparation of the MTFP as part of the 2025/26 budget process.

Financial Risks

N/A

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

No direct carbon / environmental impacts arising from the report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

No other implications.

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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A	Bereavement Services Update							
B	Alternative Services Locations							

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Ruth Harrell

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 07/10/2024

Cabinet Member approval:



Date approved: 7th October 2024