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| Subject: | Update on Strategic Cemetery and Crematorium Development |
| Date: | 4 April 2017 |
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| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the key issues discussed at the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group meeting held on 6 March 2017. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve the minutes and recommendations from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group meeting held on 6 March 2017. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <p data-bbox="256 208 405 239"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="150 257 1453 389">3.1 The Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group is a Working Group of the People and Communities Committee which consists of an elected Member from each of the political parties.</p> <p data-bbox="150 459 1453 539">3.2 The minutes from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group are brought before the Committee for approval.</p> <p data-bbox="150 609 986 640">3.3 The key issues discussed at the 6 March meeting were:</p> <p data-bbox="150 710 831 741"><u>Update on Memorial Inspection Programme</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 759 1453 1043">Members noted the update provided on the memorial inspection programme which commenced in September 2016. To date inspections have been undertaken in Balmoral Cemetery, Shankill Graveyard and Clifton Street Cemetery. Inspections commenced in Section D in Roselawn Cemetery in February 2017 and will continue across the other sections in the coming months. Members also noted that there had been an increase in income since the Memorial Management Policy had come into effect in April 2016.</p> <p data-bbox="150 1113 1305 1144"><u>Update on the trial use of shoring to address subsidence at Roselawn Cemetery</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 1162 1453 1243">Members note the update that was provided on the shoring trial that commenced in May 2016.</p> <p data-bbox="150 1312 1366 1344"><u>Charity nomination for the distribution of money received from the recycling of metals</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 1361 1453 1547">Members were reminded of the process that had been put in place for the nomination of a charity to receive the money received from the recycling of metals and noted that Cruise Bereavement Care had been selected as the chosen charity to be nominated in March 2017.</p> <p data-bbox="150 1617 638 1648"><u>Research and benchmarking</u></p> <p data-bbox="256 1666 1453 1798">Members were provided with background information on rising funeral costs and granted permission in respect of undertaking research, including a benchmarking exercise in regard to the provision of municipal funerals.</p> |

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| 3.8 | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial implications related to this report. The costs associated with the implementation of the memorial inspection programme and the shoring trial have been met within existing resources.</p> |
| 3.9 | <p><u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are currently no equality or good relation implications in relation to the capital projects however this will continue to be reviewed as the projects are developed.</p> |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | Appendix 1 – Copy of the Minutes of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group’s meeting on 6 March 2017. |