



Subject:	Update on Strategic Cemetery and Crematorium Development
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group meeting held on 14 March 2018.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group meetings held on 14 March 2018; and- Approve the decision to refuse permission to film a mock cremation.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 275 1422 405">3.1 The Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development 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="165 477 1461 560">3.2 The minutes from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group are brought before the Committee for approval.</p> <p data-bbox="165 629 1018 658">3.3 The key issues discussed at the 14 March meeting were:</p> <p data-bbox="165 728 874 757"><u>Request to film at City of Belfast Crematorium</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 777 1382 860">Members were informed of a request by a local production company DoubleBand Films to film a mock-up cremation for a BCC documentary. It was proposed that:-</p> <p data-bbox="165 929 1382 1059">3.5 The Working Group agree not to grant permission for DoubleBand films to record a film in the non-public areas of the City of Belfast Crematorium. This was carried on 2-1 vote.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1131 1382 1214">3.6 Members of the People and Communities Committee are asked to approve this decision.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1283 935 1312"><u>Provision of water bowsers at Roselawn Cemetery</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1332 1457 1462">Members were informed that two water bowsers had recently been installed in those areas of the cemetery which had been most adversely affected by the disruption to the mains water supply. It has not been possible to assess usage properly until weather improves.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1534 874 1563"><u>Snow Clearance for Funerals and Cremations</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1583 1469 1767">Members were informed that there have been four periods when snow has fallen and accumulated on cemetery sites. Cemetery and Crematorium staff have worked tremendously hard in all conditions to ensure that every burial and cremation went ahead at the appointed time and that mourners had safe access to these.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1839 756 1868"><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1888 347 1917">3.9 None</p>

	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implication</u>
3.10	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Copy of the Minutes of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group’s meeting on 14 March 2018.