

## For Publication

### **Bereavement Services Manager's Report**

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Meeting: Chesterfield and District Joint Crematorium  
Committee

Date: 21 March 2022

Report by: Bereavement Services Manager

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#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To keep Members informed of matters relating to the Operation of the Crematorium.
- 1.2 To provide Members with an update on progress made with reducing the Environmental Impact of the Crematorium following report to Committee on 23 September 2019 (attached at Appendix A).

#### **2.0 Cremation Figures**

- 2.1 This part of the report details the cremation totals, comparisons to previous years and which constituent area funerals are being received from for the 2021/22 Financial Year to date.

	CBC	WEST	NEDDC	BDC	AV	OUTSIDE
APR-FEB 19/20	842	108	554	272	5	139
APR-FEB 20/21	1007	130	644	293	20	192
APR-FEB 21/22	897	167	604	267	5	152

	CJCC Cremations	Derbyshire Registered Deaths	England and Wales Registered Deaths
APR - JAN 2020/21	2009	8066	530536
APR - JAN 2021/22	1889	7236	457,951

### 3.0 **Sheffield City Council Crematorium**

3.1 The Manager has received confirmation that the Crematorium undergoing refurbishment in Sheffield will not re-open until July 2022, previously reported as reopening in March 2022.

### 4.0 **The Air Ambulance**

4.1 The Air Ambulance has received payment of £15,000 from the ICCM Metal Recycling Scheme in March 2022. The Air Ambulance has requested that their thanks be passed onto the Committee for their nomination. A photograph and media opportunity were arranged for the handover of the cheque from the Chair.

### 5.0 **Environmental Impact Report**

5.1 In June 2019, the UK became the first major economy in the world to pass laws to end its contribution to global warming by 2050.

5.2 Climate Emergency motions were submitted to each of the three constituent authorities in 2019.

5.3 The Manager presented a report at the 2019 meeting which detailed the Crematorium's Carbon Footprint along with the measures currently in place to reduce the impact on the Environment. The report at Appendix A details those measures including reduction of plastic, reduction of chemicals in grounds maintenance, production

of solar energy, heat recycling for central heating, Environmental Air Filtration, recycling schemes and biodiversity.

5.4 At the time of the report, it was agreed that the Manager would present an update on further actions and opportunities that were identified. Unfortunately, due to the pressures of the Pandemic it has been challenging to implement any further improvements until now. An update on those agreed actions is within the table below.

Action	Reason	Status	Outcome
Investigate the potential to switch to HVO Fuel as a replacement for 1000L Diesel per annum	Reduce greenhouse emissions by up to 90% against diesel. Renewable, sustainable, carbon offset. Drop in Replacement for Diesel and Gas Oil	Ongoing	Concerns over compatibility. The solution may be a switch to an electric ground's maintenance fleet over time.
Investigate the possibility of submission of Cremation Forms Electronically	Reduce journeys by Funeral Directors to deliver paperwork.  Encouraged within amendments to Cremation Regulations.	Complete	Funeral Directors can use electronic channels to submit documents saving many car journeys to manually deliver.
Promote and encourage the reduction of plastics in floral tributes.	ICCM Policy and Good Practice.  Plastic wrappers in eco system and damage to wildlife.  Reduce plastic to landfill.	Complete	Working in partnership with local florist to reuse frames and plastic parts from floral tributes from March 2022 saving approximately 25,000l of plastic waste to landfill per annum
Increase headland and reduce mowing regime to	Increase wildlife habitat	Complete	

create habitat by 200m2			
Investigate and recommend participation in Carbon offsetting schemes.	Crematorium becomes carbon neutral.	Ongoing	Liaised with Officers from all three constituent authorities to contribute to tree planting schemes locally
Investigate the need to promote and encourage car sharing for mourners.	Reduce greenhouse emissions.  Must be promoted in a dignified and sensitive manner.  Increase car parking availability at the Crematorium.	Ongoing	Challenges with car sharing at present in current Pandemic for Health and Safety reasons.
Continue to keep updated on latest Cremation Technologies.	To recommend environmentally friendly alternatives when the replacement of cremation equipment is next undertaken.	Ongoing	Invitations sent to Manufacturers to visit the Crematorium in 2022 with visits to other sites with new technology installed to be arranged.

5.4 Related to the Environmental Impact, the Manager is pleased to report that the Annual Stack Emission Test Results returned within all parameters set out in Government Process Guidance Notes for Crematoria.

## 6.0 Recommendations

6.1 That the report be noted including progress on reducing the Crematoriums Environmental Impact.

## **7.0 Reason for Recommendation**

- 7.1 To keep Members updated on the day-to-day operation of the Service.

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