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Bereavement Services Risk Register 2023/24

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1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To annually inform Members of the high level risks to Chesterfield and District Crematorium and the actions taken to manage and mitigate against each risk.
- 1.2 It is a requirement of Chesterfield Borough, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Council's Internal Audit Consortium that the Risk Register is reviewed and reported to this Committee annually.
- 1.3 The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 places a legal duty on employers to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and welfare of employees, and to ensure that employees and others are kept safe.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Risk Register for 2023/24, attached at Appendix 1, is approved.

3.0 Reason for Recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure Members are properly informed of the high-level risks to the Crematorium and approve the management and control of those risks.

4.0 Higher Likelihood of Risks Occurring During 2023/24

- 4.1 Where the Authority has control over containing risks, the likelihood of occurrence is generally very low.
- 4.2 This part of the report highlights, for Members, any risks that are more likely to occur over the coming year and the reason why.

Risk – Loss of Business - due to the approval of plans for a new crematorium to be built within the constituent area.

Risk – Loss of Business – should death rates may fall after Excess Deaths in recent years.

Risk – Loss of Business – due to the increase in demand for Direct Cremation Services.

Risk – National Factor – Competition and Markets Authority may introduce further measures following recent investigation into the Funeral Sector, one of which may be price capping.

5.0 Additional Risk

- 5.1 For 2023/24, an additional Risk has been added around Ageing Workforce, Loss of Talent and Succession Planning. This is not a short term risk, rather medium (next 3-5 years).

Document information

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Background documents These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
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Appendices to the report	
Appendix 1	Risk Register 2023