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Revision of Crematorium Regulations

Meeting:	Chesterfield and District Joint Crematorium Committee
Date:	5 June 2023
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek the approval of Members to adopt revised Regulations for the management of the Crematorium.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the revised Regulations at Appendix 1 be approved and adopted.

3.0 Reason for Recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure that the Regulations, which determine matters relating to the operation and management of the Crematorium are up to date and fit for the purpose of providing clear guidance to Funeral Directors, Stakeholders, Staff and the Bereaved.

4.0 Background

- 4.1 At the meeting of the Joint Crematorium Committee on 27 March 2023, the Manager presented draft Regulations which were approved for wider consultation with our staff and stakeholders, including Funeral Directors, Ministers and Funeral Celebrants.
- 4.2 Chesterfield Borough Council, North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council (the constituent authorities) are burial authorities by virtue of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972. Under the terms of the Agreement between the constituent authorities, all of the powers of the authorities with reference to the provision and maintenance of crematoria have been delegated to the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee has exercised its discretionary powers under the Cremation Acts 1902 and 1952 to provide and operate a crematorium.
- 4.3 The Chesterfield and District Crematorium was opened in November 1959. The Joint Committee adopted the first Rules of Management on 2 July 1982, and published them in a leaflet.

4.4 The first and only comprehensive review of those regulations (Rules of Management) took place in 2004/2005 and the existing Regulations were published in 2007.

4.5 At the March 2023 meeting, the Manager discussed how the 2007 Regulations are outdated. The proposed revisions to the Regulations are not radical. The amendments do however, make necessary changes to outdated Regulations around Hours of Opening, Admission of Visitors, Conduct on Site, Medical Certification, Music, Updated Music and Media Technology, Metal Recycling, New Memorials and Funeral Services in general.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 Members could decide not to review the regulations, however, whilst regulations and practices change, the Regulations have been static for 16 years. The outdated Regulations have led to confusion at times.

6.0 Implications for consideration – Financial and value for money

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the adoption of the Regulations.

7.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources

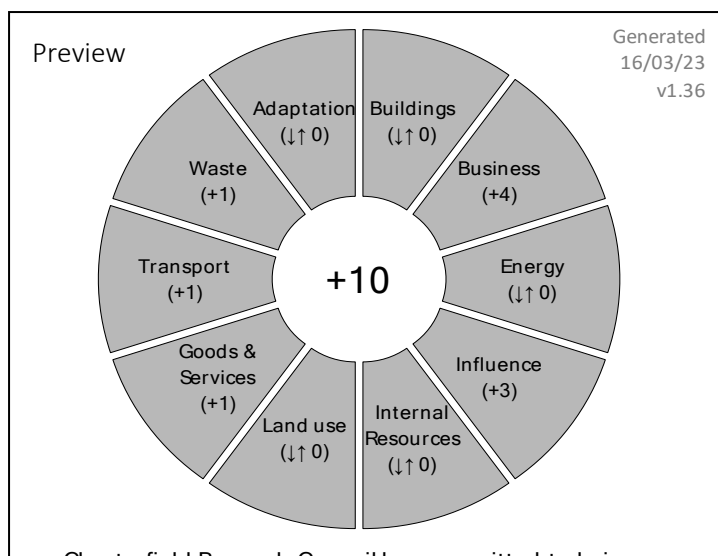
7.1 There are no direct Human Resources implications arising from the adoption of the Regulations.

8.0 Implications for consideration – Climate change

8.1 The Regulations confirm the materials that may or may not be included within the construction of the coffin and its contents which in turn reduce the likelihood of harmful emissions.

The Regulations also take into account advice for memorials and removal of plastics.

The Regulations also take into account provision for cycle storage and therefore cycle friendly, promoting green travel.



9.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

9.1 The Regulations include clarification on Assistance Dogs and confirm that the Chapel is available to all Religions and none.

Decision 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.	
<i>None</i>	
Appendices to the report	
Appendix 1	Revised Regulations for Approval