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Metal After Cremation Recycling Scheme

Meeting:	Chesterfield and District Joint Crematorium Committee
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the current recycling of metal after cremation process and scheme, administered by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM).
- 1.2 To inform Members of the benefits of joining an alternative scheme processed by RS Bruce (Precious Metal Recovery) in Sheffield.
- 1.3 To recommend a decision that will benefit the crematorium, the environment and local charities in the best way possible.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Member's decide to leave the current scheme and enter into the alternative, processed by RS Bruce.

3.0 Reason for Recommendations

- 3.1 Metal's will be collected on a more frequent basis, reducing the security risk of larger quantities of metal onsite.
- 3.2 An unlimited number of charities can be nominated to receive a share of the surplus generated from the scheme, if Member's wish.
- 3.3 It is anticipated that a higher yield will be returned to the Crematorium to distributed to local Charities.
- 3.4 It is plausible that there will be environmental and local economic benefits if the metals were processed in Sheffield (currently, the metals are recycled on the continent).

4.0 Report Details

- 4.1 In 2007, the Joint Committee agreed to participate in a national scheme

for the recovery of metals following cremation. Metals are currently retained at the Crematorium for collection by a waste metal collection and recycling company, Orthometals Limited, on behalf of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM), who are the current administrators.

- 4.2 Metals are only recovered and recycled with the consent of the Applicant for Cremation (usually Next of Kin or Executor).
- 4.3 Annually, at the December meeting of the Committee, the Manager presents a report to Members which details the Charities that have requested nomination and a decision is made on which charities to support for the following calendar year.

Recently, the Chair attended the publicity event at the Crematorium, presenting cheques to SoBS (Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide) and CRUSE Bereavement Care.

- 4.4 At the Committee meeting on 19 December 2022, the Manager first made Members aware of the alternative scheme and was given permission to investigate in more detail and report findings at a later date.

The Manager, along with CBC Head of Community Safety and Regulatory Services visited RS Bruce over the summer, taking a small sample of metals which we witnessed being processed. Our visit left us confident, impressed and reassured about the whole process.

Members will also be reassured to note that the Technical Committee of the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA) visited and inspected the same processes last year and provided a positive report in their Autumn 2022 *Resurgam* magazine. RS Bruce are now an affiliate member of the FBCA. A copy of that article and report is attached at Appendix 1 for Members information.

The Manager has also had open and honest communications with the current scheme administrators (ICCM) and if Member's decide to move with the recommendation, the Crematorium's good relationship with the ICCM and it's Membership would not be affected in any way.

5.0 Alternative options

- 5.1 To remain within the current scheme.

6.0 Implications for consideration – Financial and value for money

- 6.1 The recommendation has no financial or value for moment considerations to the crematorium.

7.0 Implications for consideration – Legal

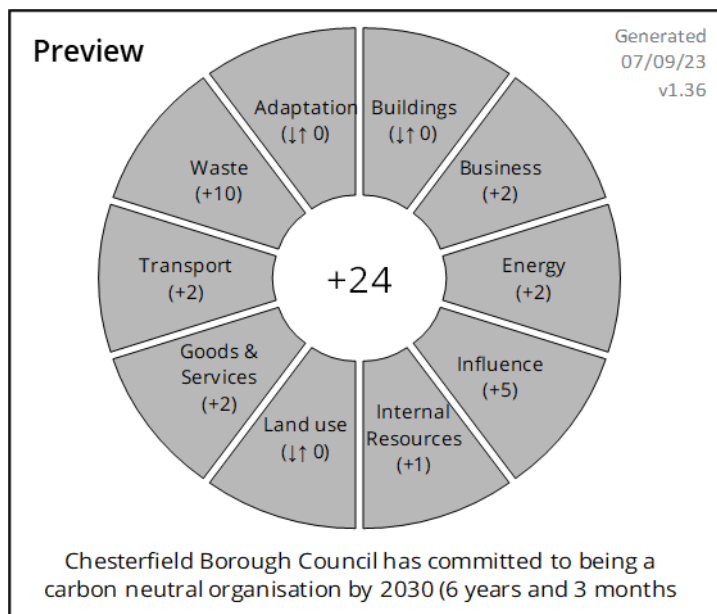
7.1 None.

8.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources

8.1 None.

9.0 Implications for consideration – Climate change

9.1 The recycling of metals has environmental benefits, improved further by local processing.



10.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

10.1 *None*

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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	FBCA Technical Committee Article and Report

