

GROWTH REQUEST FORM (2015)

Growth Block (delete as appropriate)				Unavoidable Recurring
Brief Description	<p>Cemeteries Maintenance The development of the Cemeteries Strategy has highlighted the declining condition of the infrastructure and the potential hazards to visitors to our cemeteries. As a minimum, paths within each of the cemeteries need to be reinstated to an acceptable level to remove the potential danger of tripping or damage to vehicles using the main drives.</p> <p>Within Staveley cemeteries, flower beds need to be reinstated to improve aesthetics and give a more cared for appearance.</p>			
Mandatory / discretionary	Mandatory – in accordance with the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, local authorities must keep cemeteries in good order and repair.			
Links to the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities	To improve the quality of life for local people – cemeteries are open spaces and need to be kept clean, tidy and well managed.			
Consultation undertaken to support the request	Regular liaison takes place with Funeral Directors who represent bereaved families. Requests have been received to improve the standards within all four cemeteries.			
Equalities outcomes	Improved access – many visitors are elderly or disabled,			
Impact on performance measures/targets				
Budget Implications:	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Future years (£)
Growth request amount	70,000	25,000	25,000	Nil
Revenue savings (Invest to Save bids only)				
Other revenue budget implications e.g. increased maintenance costs				
Risk management considerations if approved				
Risk management considerations if <u>not</u> approved	<p>Reducing standards could lead to a reduction in the number of burials in our cemeteries which will lead to a loss of income.</p> <p>Public liability insurance claims could increase as there will be a greater risk of slips and trips etc.</p>			
Other Comments	Fees and charges have been increased substantially in the last two years.			