



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – CEMETERIES

9 NOVEMBER 2017

BRIEFING NOTE: BURIAL SPACES

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At a previous meeting, Scrutiny Panel 1 (Cemeteries) agreed that it would receive details regarding burial spaces within Northampton's cemeteries.

2 INFORMATION

- 2.1 From the information detailing the number of available spaces and the average number of burials, it has been estimated that the life span of the existing interment space is as follows.

Towcester Road cemetery 10 years burials – 17 years cremated remains

Kingsthorpe cemetery 4 years burials – 17 years cremated remains

Dallington cemetery 2 years burials – 7 years cremated remains

Duston cemetery 10 years burials – 7 years cremated remains in old part of cemetery (As there has been an extension to the cemetery in recent years, it is difficult to estimate the annual number of burials, as it has been a number of years since there was cemetery space available for new burials).

Weston Favell cemetery Closed – Only interments into existing purchased graves.

Great Houghton cemetery Closed – Only interments into family owned graves – 5 years cremated remains.

- 2.2 There are some areas within existing open cemeteries that have the potential to provide extra burial spaces:

Kingsthorpe cemetery – The “Goat Field” could be extended into, subject to a ground survey. Potential for 300 extra plots if the area is usable.

Dallington cemetery – Old allotment land to the side of the cemetery could be used to accommodate at least 1,000 extra plots.

Towcester Road cemetery – The removal of a groups of trees would provide extra burial space.

3 CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 That the information provided informs the evidence base of this Scrutiny Review.