



## NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

### SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – CEMETERIES

9 NOVEMBER 2017

#### BRIEFING NOTE: GREEN BURIALS

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At a previous meeting, Scrutiny Panel 1 (Cemeteries) agreed that it would receive details regarding green burials.

#### 2 INFORMATION

##### 2.1 Green/Woodland Burial Area

- 2.2 A specific area in Kingsthorpe Cemetery has been dedicated for green/woodland burials. Families have a choice of graves available, but there are only a limited number of graves suitable to have a tree planted.

- 2.3 Only Cardboard coffins, wicker coffins and bamboo coffins, are to be used in this area. No other type of coffin will be permitted.

- 2.4 Each grave is for one burial only and additional graves may be pre-purchased.

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The following items will not be permitted in the green/woodland area: pots, tubs, lights, lanterns, fences, pebbles and conifers.

- 2.5 Natural wood markers may be purchased but the plaque must not exceed 8x6 inches and must contain text only etched into the wood. no border, designs, or images will be permitted.

- 2.6 Temporary markers are permitted however they must conform within the overall dimensions of 18 inches in length (with at least one third positioned in the ground) equalling 12 inches tall, a plaque can be fixed to the marker but must not exceed the dimensions of 8 inches in width and 4 inches in height.

- 2.7 The Council/Contractor reserves the right to remove the marker from the cemetery if a marker does not conform to the measurements stated herein.

- 2.8 There are approximately 10 burials per annum and have approximately 57 spaces remaining in the only green burial area at Kingsthorpe.
- 2.9 The purchase price of a plot and the interment costs are the same for a green burial as for a normal burial.

### **3 CONCLUSIONS**

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

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