

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of the Scrutiny Panel was:

To review cemeteries in the Borough, concentrating on:

Maintenance and health and safety requirements
Amenities and facilities
Financial implications

Key Lines of Enquiry

- To gain an understanding of the maintenance and health and safety requirements within the Borough's cemeteries
- To gain an understanding of the financial implications around maintenance and health and safety requirements within the Borough's cemeteries
- To gain an understanding of the financial implications around amenities and facilities within the Borough's cemeteries

1.2 The required outcome being:

To ensure that the Borough's cemeteries are easily accessible, well maintained with adequate amenities and facilities available for visitors to use.

1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its work programming event in April 2017, agreed to include a review of cemeteries onto its work programme for the year. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 1 to undertake the review. An in-depth review commenced in June 2017 and concluded in March 2018

1.4 The Scrutiny Panel was made up of Members from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Brian Sargeant (Chair); Councillor Vicky Culbard (Vice Chair); Councillors Mohammed Aziz, Dennis Meredith and Alan Bottwood ; together with other non-Executives Councillors Andrew Kilbride and Arthur McCutcheon. The Scrutiny Panel benefitted from the expertise of a co-optee – Simon Hollowell, of Hollowell's Funeral Services.

CONCLUSIONS AND KEY FINDINGS

A significant amount of evidence was heard, details of which are contained in the report. After gathering evidence the Scrutiny Panel established that: -

Add conclusions when the report is finalised

RECOMMENDATIONS

The above overall findings have formed the basis for the following recommendations: -

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Scrutiny Panel 1 recommends to Cabinet :

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