

Review Into the Need for New Cemetery for the Borough

Report by: Scrutiny Board

For recommendation

Key decision: no

Portfolio and Cabinet Lead: Councillor Tony Briggs

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 At its meeting held on 1 November 2016, the Scrutiny Board considered a report (Appendix A) from the Economy, Planning, Development and Prosperity Havant Scrutiny and Policy Development Panel, setting out its findings and recommendations following a scrutiny to evaluate the need to identify a site for a new cemetery for the Borough.

1.2 The Scrutiny Board endorsed the recommendations set out in the report.

2.0 Recommendations

It is recommended to Cabinet that;

2.1 The Council continue with its current provision of cemeteries and aim to make the service financially viable;

2.2 The Cabinet investigate raising the fees and charges for burial sites to cover the operational costs of the service (including maintenance of cemeteries);

2.3 A financial analysis be carried out to investigate the costs of developing the MDA cemetery site as a whole and the costs for developing the site in stages;

2.4 If the decision is made to proceed with the MDA cemetery site, opportunities for private sector investment be fully investigated;

2.5 An update be carried out on the review of other possible sites for a cemetery within the Borough; and

- 2.6 Officers be requested to complete discussions with Grainger PLC relating to the future provision of a cemetery site arising from the MDA Development before making a decision.

Appendices

Appendix A – Report by the Economy, Planning, Development and Prosperity
Havant Scrutiny and Policy Development Panel

Background Papers

[Panel's Findings Pack](#)

The Panel's report was agreed and signed off for publication by:

Heads of Service: 10 November 2016
Head of Finance: 14 September 2016
Head of Legal: 11 November 2016

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