



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposal future development of Foxes Lodge, City Cemetery
<b>Date:</b>	13 October 2015
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
	The purpose of this report is to seek authority to progress plans to develop land within City Cemetery on which the former Foxes Lodge is located.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	It is recommended that the Committee agree to:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The demolition of the existing building, preserving where appropriate original features to be incorporated within the future development, subject to affordability;</li><li>2. The development of a garden of remembrance within the cemetery, subject to affordability and receipt of the necessary statutory approvals.</li></ol>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	Foxes Lodge has been in a dilapidated state for a significant period of time; although in the past there were suggestions that the building be renovated and brought back into use however funding was never secured and the building remains on site. Appendix 1 contains a recent photograph of the building demonstrating its condition. As there is no proposal at present it is difficult to apportion a cost of reinstatement, however, it is likely to require investment in excess of £1m upwards.

Members will be aware of the planned alteration to the traffic flow within city cemetery as a consequence of the proposed rapid transit. It will require an alternative egress from the city cemetery, the proposal is to provide exit gates opposite Brittain's Parade, which is adjacent to Foxes Lodge. As this will be a widely used exit point it is the view of Officers that the existing building in its current condition should be demolished.

Officers are mindful that the Council has recently secured significant development funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop a project to promote the existing heritage of the cemetery. Within this context any demolition works will seek to preserve historically significant elements of the lodge which may be incorporated into any proposed development. In addition, every effort will be made to store the remaining intact stone for possible future use within proposed developments within the City Cemetery and potentially the adjoining Falls Park. In any case HLF will be consulted prior to any works at the lodge to ensure future funding for the site is not jeopardised.

Members will be aware that in many cemeteries there is a trend towards the creation of gardens of remembrance, one is located within Roselawn Cemetery. Members of the public can request that cremated remains be disposed off within the garden and this is carried out by Council Officers.

It is proposed that the creation of a garden of remembrance would be an appropriate use of the land at Foxes Lodge and provide an additional facility at the site.

#### Financial & Resource Implications

No costs are currently available for the demolition or the proposed development, however it is anticipated that the demolition and establishment of the garden will be delivered within existing budgets.

#### Equality or Good Relations Implications

There are no equality or good relations implications.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Photograph of Foxes Lodge