



Subject:	Update on Strategic Cemetery and Crematorium Development
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to report to committee on the key issues discussed at the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group meeting held on 7 December 2017.
2.0	Recommendations
	That the People and Communities Committee approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group meetings held on 7 December 2017.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="272 226 421 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 293 1422 427">The Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group is a Working Group of the People and Communities Committee which consists of an elected member from each of the political parties.</p> <p data-bbox="272 499 1461 584">The minutes from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group are brought before the Committee for approval.</p> <p data-bbox="272 656 1054 685">The key issues discussed at the 7 December meeting were:</p> <p data-bbox="272 757 1449 842"><u>Update on the Charity Nomination Process for the Distribution of Money received from the recycling of metals</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 857 1453 1088">The Members were provided with an update on a number of options in regard to the distribution of funds to charities in respect of the monies received from recycled metals. The Members agreed that option 3, Grant authority to the Bereavement Services Manager to liaise with Funeral Directors as a means to agree a programme in respect of nomination of charities for 2018, would be its preferred option.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1160 480 1189"><u>Funeral poverty</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1205 1461 1391">The Members were provided with an update on the increasing levels of funeral poverty and initiatives that were being undertaken by local authorities elsewhere to help alleviate it. Members noted the update provided and agreed the next steps around further work that needed to be undertaken.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1462 1353 1491"><u>Update on Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council – Memorandum of Understanding</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1507 1453 1693">Members noted the cessation of the MOU as per a LCCC committee decision. The agreement had involved LCCC residents being charged the subsidised rate and BCC then charging LCCC the difference in the subsidised rate and the non-resident rate and it had terminated on 1st October 2017.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1765 842 1794"><u>Water Infrastructure at Roselawn Cemetery</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 1809 1437 1951">Members noted the update that was provided in relation to issues with the water supply standpipes used by the public (for flowers and cleansing of headstones etc.) in Roselawn Cemetery. To improve the water supply to standpipes to sections E to T would require a</p>

	<p>significant capital investment solution. A temporary solution is being developed for the dry standpipes in sections R,S, T and U. The offices, public toilets and crematorium are not affected.</p> <p><u>Update on Permanent Memorial to mark Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery</u></p> <p>The Members were updated on the progress that has been made in relation to the erection of a permanent memorial to mark Plot Z1 in the City Cemetery. The Members agreed, subject to the approval of the People and Communities Committee, the tender documentation for the appointment of a stonemason to create and erect an agreed memorial for Plot Z1.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial implications related to this report. The costs of the memorial at Plot Z1 will be met through the Council’s capital programme. The water supply issues at Roselawn may require a capital decision in the future.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are currently no equality or good relation implications in relation to the capital projects however this will continue to be reviewed as the projects are developed.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Copy of the Minutes of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group’s meeting on 7 December 2017.</p>