



Subject:	Minutes of the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Working Group
Date:	9 th June, 2020
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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
1.1	The purpose of this report is update committee on the key issues discussed at the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group meeting held on 11 th March 2020.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is recommended to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approve the minutes and the recommendations from the Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group meeting held on 11th March 2020.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 208 536 241"><u>Covid-19 Pandemic</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 309 1465 591">3.1 The Members were advised that a meeting of Silver Command would be held, chaired by the Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services, the objective of which would be to identify all critical services to ensure that business contingency arrangements could be implemented. The Working Group was advised that the Council would be following guidance issued by the Public Health Agency (PHA) and would implement measures to deal with the increased volume of deaths anticipated, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p data-bbox="272 658 979 692"><u>Update on Planning Appeals Commission Submission</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 759 1465 1041">3.2 The Director provided the Working Group with an update on the planning appeals process associated with the proposed Loughview Cemetery site and stated that it had been agreed, by both the Working Group and the People and Communities Committee, that the Council would provide a factual statement to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) in response to the Loughview application and informed the Members that the appeal hearing date would be held on 5th May, 2020.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1162 689 1196"><u>Update on New Cemetery Land</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1263 1437 1500">3.3 The Members received an update in regard to the expression of interest process for new cemetery land to meet the future burial requirements for the city and were advised that, following information which had been supplied by an applicant in regards to a fourth proposed site, it was felt appropriate to add this site for further investigation as part of the expression of interest process.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1568 1426 1749">3.4 The Director informed the Working Group that the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services continued to collaborate with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council and Mid Ulster and East Antrim Borough Council in respect of the provision of future burial and cremation services.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1816 721 1850"><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1872 347 1906">3.5 None</p>

3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implication / Rural Needs Assessment</u> None
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Working Group on 11 th March 2020