

PROPOSED NEW CREMATORIUM

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Councillor Mordue, Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Compliance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from Cabinet to increase the budget for the new Aylesbury Crematorium following a review of the project costs and agree arrangements for proceeding with construction works.

2 Recommendations/for decision

Cabinet is requested to note the contents of the report in the Confidential Appendix considered by the Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee on 15 February 2017; and agree the following recommendations:

- 2.1 That the budget for the Aylesbury Crematorium be increased from £6.2 to £7.25 million,
- 2.2 That construction work commences as soon as possible and the decision to enter into the construction contract be delegated to the Clerk to the Joint Committee in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the Joint Committee,
- 2.3 That the SCAPE framework be used to procure further consultant support as required.

3 Supporting information

- 3.1 The Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee (CCJC) on 15 February 2017 received a report regarding progress on the new crematorium in Aylesbury which is attached as a Confidential Appendix.
- 3.2 Having considered an update on the estimated costs of the project and procurement arrangements the Committee are now seeking approval from the Cabinets at Chiltern, Aylesbury and Wycombe to increase the budget from £6.2m to £7.25 million. Each Cabinet of the constituent authorities previously agreed expenditure of up to £6.2 million for the project on 6 August 2014. The budget increase is requested due to additional costs and inflationary pressures.
- 3.3 Approval is required because under the current Constitution of the CCJC "*any expenditure in excess of £50,000 in any financial year will require the consent of the Executive or Cabinet of each participating Councils,*" This report is due to be considered by each Council at their respective Cabinet meetings on the following dates:
- Wycombe District Council - 13 March 2017
- Chiltern District Council - 4 April 2017
- Aylesbury Vale District Council - 11 April 2017
- 3.4 Construction will commence as soon as possible following agreement to the above recommendations by each of the respective authorities

4 Options considered

- 4.1 Cabinet could decide not to agree the recommended increase and construction arrangements but this would prevent the Aylesbury crematorium project from progressing.

5 Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 To ensure the Aylesbury Crematorium project can continue to the construction phase. When open the new Crematorium will help the CCJC achieve its overall aim of improving funeral service provision to residents of the three districts and surrounding areas.

6 Resource implications

- 6.1 The report seeks authority to increase the budget for the Aylesbury Crematorium project from £6.2m to £7.25 million. Each Cabinet of the constituent authorities previously agreed expenditure of up to £6.2 million for the project on 6 August 2014. The budget increase is requested due to additional costs and inflationary pressures.
- 6.2 Cabinet approval is required because under the current Constitution of the CCJC “any expenditure in excess of £50,000 in any financial year will require the consent of the Executive or Cabinet of each participating Councils”

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Background Documents

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None other than those referred to in the report and the Confidential Appendix.