

CHILTERNS CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE - 23 SEPTEMBER 2010

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

1 ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2009/10

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1. A draft Annual Governance Report (AGR) has been received from the external auditors that reports on the results of their 2009/10 audit. A copy of the report is attached at **Appendix 8.1 (To Follow)**. The external auditors expect to be able to issue an unqualified opinion on the accounts subject to the finalisation of any outstanding issues with officers and also to give an unqualified VFM conclusion. It is recommended that delegated authority be given to the Treasurer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Committee, to respond to the Annual Governance Report and to finalise the 2009/10 accounts for audit sign off and publication. The Joint Committee is also required to formally approve the Letter of Representation as set out on the AGR.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Joint Committee:-

- a) **Note the draft Annual Governance Report of the external auditor in respect of 2009/10.**
- b) **Give delegated authority to the Treasurer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Committee, to respond to the draft Annual Governance Report and to finalise the 2009/10 accounts for audit sign off and publication.**
- c) **Approve the Letter of Representation.**