

CHILTERN'S CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE – 7 MARCH 2013

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

1 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 TO 2016/17

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1. Details of the proposed Chilterns Crematorium Capital Programme covering the period 2012/13 to 2016/17 are shown in **Appendix 1**.
2. The following tables shows the proposed changes from the current approved Capital Programme position:-

	£
Current Approved Programme 2012/13 to 2015/16	4,491,427
<i>Underspend carried forward from 2011/12:-</i>	
Site Development	24,000
CCTV	12,000
<i>Schemes removed from programme or reduced provision</i>	
Heating	(11,366)
<i>Schemes added to programme or increased provision:-</i>	
Replacement Hearths	360
Relining cremators	16,810
Coffin Charger	30,000
Driveways and Car Park Re-surfacing	301,300
Abatement Project	690
Flat Roof Re-Felting	33,600
Proposed Programme 2012/13 to 2016/17	4,898,821

3. The following paragraphs give an overview of each of the capital projects included within the programme and the changes outlined above:-
 - a) Mercury Abatement and Heat Transfer/Recovery project

The project is in its final stages and will be the subject of a separate close out report by the Principal Engineer in due course.

b) Relining Cremators

The rolling programme to replace the refractory bricks continues and the price increase reflects the current replacement cost including re-insulation plus VAT. Moving forward the prices have been uplifted 5% per annum in accordance with advice from the supplier.

c) Site Development

The initial consultancy costs for site identification have been paid in the current year. The cost of this project within the programme is currently inclusive of VAT at 20%. Future VAT planning once the project progresses may negate a small amount of the VAT cost.

d) Driveway and Car Park Re-surfacing

As part of a wider project the costs associated with this project and the scope have been re-visited and present a significant increase in provision.

e) CCTV

The CCTV system has been installed and is now operational. There is a retention on the project which will be released in due course.

f) Coffin Charger

The replacement costs of the coffin charger now appear in the scheme. This will be replaced when necessary.

g) Flat Roof Re-felting

Due to the nature of flat roofs the maintenance and replacement of the felting must be ensured to maintain the integrity of the fabric of the building.

Long Term Capital and Maintenance Programme

This programme has been implemented to facilitate a more business like approach to forward planning for the Crematorium. As well as identification of future financial requirements, the programme assists in the identification and scheduling of works having regard to operational needs and statutory compliance of the Crematorium.

This programme is an active document looking to 20+ years ahead and shows estimated spend of £2.6million including £1m for cremator replacement. The programme will be regularly reviewed and updated and will feed in to the annual estimates process as indeed all aspects to 2016/17 have been included either specifically within in the capital program or the medium term financial strategy.

It should be noted these prices are based on current values with no inflationary increase applied and VAT will be an additional cost in most instances. The decision

not to inflate forward projection is to avoid severe distortion given the timeframe being considered.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1) That the Joint Committee agree the proposed Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2016/2017.

2) That the Joint Committee consider and note the Long Term Capital and Maintenance Programme

Background Papers: None