

CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET 26TH AUGUST 2014

**CHILTERN CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE – PROPOSED
NEW CREMATORIUM FOR AYLESBURY**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is requested to:

1 – Note the content of the attached report to the Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee.

2 – Confirm its agreement to the recommendations contained within the attached report.

Relationship to Council Objectives

Objective 1 : Efficient and Effective Customer Focused Services

Implications

This is a key decision together with Partner Councils as to whether this project is progressed or not

Financial Implications

As contained within the attached report

Risk Implications

As per the risk register at Appendix 5 in the attached report

Equalities Implications

None – the new facility will be open to all who wish to use it

Sustainability Implications

As per the planning requirements for the development contained within the consent issued. The Councils are aiming to provide as sustainable a facility as economically possible.

Report

- 1 Attached at **Appendix 1** is a report that was considered at the Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee on 6th August 2014 regarding the proposed new crematorium in Aylesbury.
- 2 The Committee in consideration of the details contained within the report decided to agree to the recommendations.
- 3 In consideration of the above decision the purpose this report is to now seek approval of each Cabinet from Chiltern, Aylesbury and Wycombe for expenditure of up to £6.2 million from the Chilterns Crematorium Joint Committee (CCJC) revenue reserves to purchase land, build and operate a new crematorium at Berton near Aylesbury.
- 4 This 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*” and powers are limited to the operation of the crematorium at Amersham, the decisions required by this report must be taken by the Cabinets of the constituent authorities ie CDC, WDC and AVDC.
- 5 Once the project has approval to proceed, a further report will be presented to extend the powers of the Joint Committee under the terms of the Constitution to operate the Aylesbury Crematorium in addition to the existing crematorium at Amersham.
- 6 When open Aylesbury Crematorium will help the CCJC achieve its overall aim of improving funeral service provision to residents of the three districts and surrounding areas. The aim is to open Aylesbury Crematorium in spring 2016, subject to CCJC and constituent Councils’ authority to proceed and other factors being considered.
- 7 This report is being considered by each Council at their respective Cabinet meeting on the following dates:

Chiltern District Council (CDC) 26th August 2014

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) 4th September 2014

Wycombe District Council (WDC) 22nd September 2014

Background papers: None
