

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Environmental Services on:-

MONDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2010

following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Zaman	Executive Member for Environmental Services
Councillor J. Wash (as deputy for Councillor Critchley)	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor D. Wilkinson	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. P. Molyneux	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. S. Young	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. M. Veigas	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. J. Kelly	Head of Highways and Engineering
Ms. J. Pollard	Policy Accountant
Mrs. S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

36. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Member.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

37. CREMATOR EMISSIONS ABATEMENT EQUIPMENT

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which requested approval of revised proposals regarding the installation of cremator emissions abatement equipment in response to the Government requirement to reduce mercury emissions from cremators by 1st January, 2013.

The Executive Member was reminded that in June, 2009, he had granted approval of £1m for the purchase of three new cremators and abatement equipment at Overdale Crematorium by the end of 2012 in order to comply with Government requirements to reduce mercury emissions from national cremations by 50% from 1st January, 2013.

The report advised that as part of the investigations into investment options, visits had taken place to view equipment at various other areas. It had become apparent that Bolton's equipment had been well maintained with the lifespan of the existing cremators being longer than the original replacement date.

In this regard, the report proposed that the available funding should be used to fit abatement equipment to the existing cremators rather than replace with new. This would mean a reduction in the number of cremators from 5 to 4 to create space to fit abatement equipment on 2 of the remaining cremators in order to meet the Government's 50% minimum requirement. This option could then release some of the available funds to extend the West Chapel as part of the same programme of civil works.

Some provisional work had taken place with Corporate Property Services to assess options for extension of the West Chapel and a tender process with a timetable. Full details were outlined in the report.

The revised proposals were summarised in the report as follows:

- fit emissions abatement equipment to the existing cremators rather than replace with 3 new cremators and abatement equipment;

- reduce the number of existing cremators from 5 to 4 to create the space to fit abatement equipment on 2 of the remaining cremators in order to meet the government's minimum requirements for reducing mercury emissions from national cremations by 50% - however, this would mean that there would be no surplus cremator abatement to trade through the Crematoria Abatement of Mercury Emissions Organisation scheme to generate an annual revenue stream to offset some of the investment in the new abatement equipment;
- use the Framework Agreement set up in 2009 by East Cheshire, Fylde, Burnley, St Helens and Salford Councils with 7 participating equipment suppliers relating to the supply, installation and maintenance of new cremators and emissions abatement equipment;
- develop a site-specific Specification and Conditions of Contract, with the assistance of NIFES Consulting Group or a similar type specialist, for the removal of one existing cremator and the supply, installation and maintenance of new emissions abatement equipment on 2 of the remaining cremators against which participating equipment suppliers could prepare their detailed tenders; and
- obtain method statements and prices from the 7 equipment suppliers on the Framework and appoint and select a preferred supplier based on a price to quality evaluation.

The outcome would be reported to the Executive Member together with a proposed programme of works with the successful equipment supplier.

With regard to the Extension of the Overdale Crematorium Chapels, the report advised that in response to the PDG's request to consider extending the chapels, the Bereavement Services had been working with Corporate Property Services to carry out a provisional assessment of possible options to

extend the Overdale Crematorium chapels. An on site review of the two chapels had been conducted and it was only considered practical to extend the West Chapel. Indicative costs were in the region of £300-£500k dependant upon which option was selected.

It was proposed to work with Corporate Property Services to appoint a specialist design consultant to work up detailed proposals for the extension of the West Chapel.

The Executive Member APPROVED -

- (i) The recommendations contained within the report regarding the crematorium and mercury abatement equipment;**
- (ii) The proposal for additional provision of additional seating capacity within the West Chapel;**
- (iii) The proposal to further investigate the options prior to formal approval of the work; and**
- (iv) A sum of approximately £15,000 from the capital spend for a detailed investigation and feasibility study of the options.**

38. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 UPDATE REPORT

The Director of Environmental submitted a report which updated the Executive Member on the proposed Highways Capital Programme for the period 2010/11 taking into account the approved in year savings.

Following the review of all capital budgets in line with direction from Central Government on spending in 2010/11, the programme had been updated. The report also set out adjustments to the approved programmes for Minor Highway Works, Local Road Safety Schemes, the Bridgework and Structures Capital Programme, Highway Maintenance Programme, Transport Infrastructure Fund and Disability

Discrimination Act Capital Budget for 2010/11 and Street Lighting Budget.

The various appendices to the report illustrated the changes to the budgets.

The Executive Member NOTED and APPROVED –

The adjustments to the Highways Capital Programme for 2010/11 and the Street Lighting Renewals Programme 2010/11.