

**Report to: Council, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Report of: Chair of Policy and Resources Committee**

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**Subject: REFERRAL REPORT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024 - ASTWOOD CREMATORIUM – REPLACEMENT OF CREMATORS**

## **1. Recommendation**

- 1.1 That the Council agrees an adjustment to the Capital Programme of up to £5,500,000 (as set out at Appendix 2 to the Policy and Resources Committee report) to cover the full costs of electric cremator replacement, and necessary fees and surveys to progress the project to the end of RIBA Stage 3.**

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 At the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024, the Policy and Resources Committee considered a report on the business case for the procurement of 2 electric cremators at Astwood Crematorium.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to proceed with the procurement and installation of electric cremators. The grounds in support of the business case were set out in the report.
- 2.3 The estimated cost of installing electric cremators is £5.490m. However, once the Salix grant is taken into account this is reduced to due to £3.992m, including VAT.
- 2.4 The report recommends a proposed £5.5m adjustment to the Capital Programme. This includes an element of additional capital expenditure to progress the project to end of RIBA Stage 3 design.
- 2.5 In accordance with the Constitution, changes to the Policy and Budgetary Framework are reserved to full Council to determine.

## **3. Information**

- 3.1 The full Committee report is attached (**Appendix 1**).

## **4. Alternative Options Considered**

- 4.1 See attached report.

## **5. Implications**

- 5.1 Financial and Budgetary Implications  
See attached report.

- 5.2 Legal and Governance Implications  
See attached report.
- 5.3 Risk Implications  
See attached report.
- 5.4 Corporate/Policy Implications  
See attached report.
- 5.5 Equality Implications  
See attached report.
- 5.6 Human Resources Implications  
See attached report.
- 5.7 Health and Safety Implications  
See attached report.
- 5.8 Social, Environmental and Economic Implications  
See attached report.

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