

MINUTES OF RUGBY AND DAVENTRY CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

8 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee: Councillor Robertson (Chairman)(Daventry District Council) Councillor Mrs Lomax (Daventry District Council)
Councillor Ms Robbins (Rugby Borough Council)

Officers: Penny Abbit (Group Accountant), Rob Back (Head of Growth and Investment), Lisa Handy (Bereavement Services Manager), Christine Fraser (Corporate Finance Analyst) and Claire Waleczek (Senior Democratic Services Officer) – Rugby Borough Council
Julie Lewis (Contracts and Performance Manager) – Daventry District Council

10. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

11. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Simon Bowers.

12. FINANCE AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Joint Committee considered a report (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning the 2017/18 financial position to date together with key performance indicators for the Rainsbrook Crematorium, which was circulated at the meeting.

Officers reported that more funeral were being conducted at the crematorium from a wider geographical area including Banbury and Northampton.

RESOLVED THAT - the Joint Committee's current financial position for 2017/18 together with key performance indicators be noted.

13. FUNERAL POVERTY

The Joint Committee received a verbal report from the Bereavement Services Manager concerning progress with regard to funeral poverty and to provide a fair and affordable funeral service.

The institute for the industry was now actively encouraging the provision of affordable funeral services by local authorities. Ten local authorities were currently providing this service.

It was proposed that funeral directors would be invited to bid to be placed on a list for the provision of the service. There would be no means testing with the type of service chosen by families of the deceased.

The Veterans' Bereavement Scheme had contacted the crematorium concerning this matter and had grant funding available for the provision of funeral services for veterans.

It was agreed that the proposal required further data and analysis, including the impact on income for both local authorities.

RESOLVED THAT – officers prepare data analysis including proposed costs and report back to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Joint Committee agreed that its next meeting be held at 10.00am on Wednesday 10 January 2018 at the Town Hall, Rugby.

CHAIRMAN