

POLICY, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 27 September 2021

Title: Windrush Cemetery - Marking of Future Burial Plots

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Background

Council has already previously agreed to map out the entire Windrush Cemetery for burials, ashes, etc. The current contracted works for mapping the cemetery do not allow for datum markers within the cemetery to allow the mapping to be transferred onto the ground in order to allow individual sections and graves to be located and marked in future.

A Quote has been requested from the mapping contractor to provide these services whilst carrying out the mapping already commissioned.

Current Situation

The requested proposal and quote have been provided to councillors for their consideration. Exact requirements of what and where will be discussed with CDS once the final cemetery plan already in the process being drawn up has been agreed by council.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates. Positive impact by making the best possible use of the land available for Burial.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability. Reduces the reputational risk to council of an incorrectly located interment.

Financial implications

This will need to be funded by way of a supplementary estimate.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Datum marking future burials and mapping within Windrush Cemetery.