

## Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

### 1. Subject of decision

Cremated Remains

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Samantha Dand, Director of Environment

### 3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

### 4. Executive summary (taken from written report)

\*The Authority, in its capacity as Cremation Authority, has agreed to receive the cremated remains of individuals whose remains could not be disposed of by a Funeral Director because no disposal instructions were given to the Director by the applicants for cremation – usually the family of the deceased.

This course of action was proposed to avoid the remains continuing to be retained by the Funeral Director indefinitely without the remains being properly laid to rest.

### 5. Alternative Options considered

Not to agree to the Authority accepting the cremated remains and for the remains to remain in the care of the Funeral Director. Choosing that option would have meant that the deceased individuals remains could not be properly laid to rest.

### 6. Decision(s)

\*To accept the cremated human remains (ashes) from the Funeral Director and for the cremated remains to be decently scattered within one of two of the Authority's gardens of remembrance

## 7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

So as to provide a respectful and dignified laying to rest of the deceased persons whose remains were being retained at a Funeral Directors, the decision was taken to accept the remains so that they could be respectfully laid to rest in one of two of the Authority's gardens of remembrance, and the location of the disposals properly recorded.

The decision was taken only after all possible steps to try and contact the families of the deceased had been exhausted. No family come forward to claim any of the remains.

As would be expected, the decision was taken only after a thorough investigation of the circumstances was carried out by officers who consulted with the appropriate authorities. All the authorities agreed that it would be proper for the Authority to accept the cremated remains so as to provide the deceased with a fitting place of rest.

If the Authority did not accept the remains, then they would have remained in storage and would not have been afforded a proper resting place.

Considering all information available to me, I believe this to be the right decision moving forward.

## 8. Date Decision Made

21 October 2024

## 9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on 1 November 2024

## 10. Date of Publication

25 October 2024

## 11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on 1 November 2024

Note: \*The Report in relation to the decision indicated above is 'Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)'.