

CABINET – 18TH OCTOBER 2018

Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group

ITEM 10 FUTURE CEMETERY PROVISION FOR LOUGHBOROUGH

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the further site appraisals undertaken at Council owned land regarding the potential development of a new cemetery site as per recommendations from Cabinet.

Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces.

Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Loughborough, the Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Lead Member for Performance of Major Contracts, the Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces provided the following responses:

- (i) All the three sites proposed were considered suitable options but Allendale Road was chosen as the preferred site previously as it was the easiest site to bring into action as well as its good location and proximity to the town centre.
- (ii) The Nanpantan site was subsequently chosen as the preferred site due to a number of factors: the strong public support received, the capacity available, good public transport links and not being overlooked. The longevity of the site was referred to as making the site the most viable. The Nanpantan ground could offer more than 200 years capacity. This was considered to be the preferable option rather than choosing a smaller site and looking for another one in a relatively short space of time.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 22 2018/19,
15th October 2018

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