

CABINET – 18TH OCTOBER 2018

ITEM 5 QUESTIONS UNDER CABINET PROCEDURE 10.7

Cllr Hayes – Cemetery Proposal

I fully support and welcome the officers' recommendations.

However, it is important to understand how we have arrived at this point, and my question to the Leader is: Can an investigation be carried out, to establish the full costs and actions that have caused many residents considerable distress and financial hardship over the last year particularly those trying to sell or buy houses?

The Leader, or his nominee, will respond:

I'm pleased that Cllr. Hayes agrees with the recommendation being made in this report.

This is an excellent illustration of the effectiveness of the decision making systems in the Council and the value added by Scrutiny. Decisions are not always right first time and on this occasion the checks and balances operated as they should within the Council in a way that led to further examination of the proposals. Officers working on this project have followed appropriate procedures and have been subjected to the required levels of governance throughout. The project also has progressed in accordance with previous Cabinet decisions. For this reason, I do not feel that an investigation is necessary.

Information received from the District Valuer indicates that the impact on properties local to cemetery developments is limited and that the presence of existing cemeteries can enhance the value of neighbouring properties.