



Portfolio Holder Report

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Additional Columbarium Units at Fleetwood Cemetery

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To approve the advance spend for columbarium units in the 2017/18 financial year and to bring forward the installation of the final columbarium in the 2018/19 financial year.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 To continue to offer a wall niche facility for the bereaved.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 To approve the advance spend for the final two columbariums in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years.

4. Background

- 4.1 A columbarium facility was established at Fleetwood Cemetery in 2009 with the area being developed for eight octagonal columbarium's providing 16 niches on each column. A niche is an above ground facility for the bereaved to place ashes caskets, containing up to four, together with an inscribed plaque.
- 4.2 Original budget estimates in June 2014 forecast demand for the columbarium's being in 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19, 2019/20.
- 4.3 The facility has been well received by families with an average of 12 units sold per year.
- 4.4 The cost of a 16 niche unit is £5,200 including installation and there is a four month delay between ordering and delivery.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1 It is proposed that the budget (£5,200 per each columbarium) originally forecast for use in 2018/19 and 2019/20 be brought forward to 2017/18 and 2018/19. This will allow the council to meet the increased demand and continue to provide this popular facility.

6. Delegated functions

- 6.1 The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): To determine charges or fees for any relevant services operated within the Portfolio.

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	The cost of £5,200 for the acquisition and installation of each columbarium will be met from money already set aside in future years in the Medium Term Financial Plan. Income of £13,230 in aggregate will be generated from the sale of the niches, inscriptions, caskets and vases.
Legal	There are no legal implications.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	X
equality and diversity	X
sustainability	✓
health and safety	X

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	X
climate change	X
data protection	X

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

None

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