

# Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee

29 June 2021

## Quarterly Performance and Operational Report



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### Report of Graham Harrison, Bereavement Services Manager and Registrar

#### Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

#### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee with the quarterly update relating to performance and other operational matters.

#### Executive summary

2. This report provides Members of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee with an update of performance and operational matters at the crematorium.

#### Recommendation(s)

3. It is recommended that Members of the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee:
  - a. Note the current performance of the crematorium.
  - b. Note the updated position with regards to the recycling of metals scheme

## Background

- Update reports relating to performance and other operational matters are presented to the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee on a quarterly basis.

## Performance Update - Number of Cremations

- The table below provides details of the number of cremations for the period 1 April to 31 May 2021 inclusive, with comparative data in the same period last year:

	2020/21	2021/22	Change
April	338 + 0*	163 + 1*	-175 + 1*
May	400 + 1*	124 + 1*	-276 + 0*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>738 + 1*</b>	<b>287 + 2*</b>	<b>- 451 + 1*</b>

\* = Non-Viable Foetus (NVF)    \*\* = Stillborns (STs)    \*\*\* = Body parts

- The full profile of where families came from can be seen in Appendix 2. In summary 82 came from Durham, 13 came from Spennymoor and 192 from other areas. There have been 2 NVF cremations undertaken for the period covered by this report compared to 1 in the comparable period last year, which is an increase of 1 NVF and a decrease of 451 Cremations. As Members are aware there has been a significant increase in cremations over the last 18 months due to Covid 19, however numbers in the current year are significantly lower than pre-Covid levels.

## Memorials

- The table below outlines the number and value of the memorials sold in the period April to May 2021 compared to the same period the previous year.

	Apr – May 2020/21		Apr – May 2021/22	
	Number	£	Number	£
Vase Blocks	2	1,348	4	2,642
Large Plaques	10	4,200	17	7,194
Small Plaques	1	261	2	522
Niche	0	0	1	1,220
Renewal	14	2,333	18	3,192
Memorial leaves	0	0	12	1,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8,142</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>15,970</b>

- In overall terms the number and value of memorials sold of 54 / £15,970 compared to 27 / £8,142 in the same period last year. This is a year on year increase of 27 memorials sold and £7,828 additional income generated.

## **Recycling of Metals Scheme**

9. Collections in 2020 had resulted in two rounds of nominations being made available, therefore we nominated St Cuthbert's Hospice and we received a cheque for £10,000. The Second round of nominations, we had nominated Antenatal Results and Choices.
10. I am pleased to inform members that on the 18<sup>th</sup> June the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium management have authorised a BACS payment for £10,000 for Antenatal Results and Choices.
11. Another round of nominations has also been released; therefore we have nominated Chyrelle Addams Breast Cancer Trust and await a reply.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

### **Finance**

As identified in the report with regards to the position of the Income

### **Consultation**

Officers of Spennymoor Town Council were consulted on the contents of this report.

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

None.

### **Climate Change**

None.

### **Human Rights**

None.

### **Crime and Disorder**

None.

### **Staffing**

As identified in the report.

### **Accommodation**

None.

### **Risk**

As identified in the report.

### **Procurement**

None.

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## Appendix 2: Breakdown of Figures

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	Apr	May	Total
Durham	47	35	82
Barnard Castle	1		1
Binchester	1		1
Bishop Auckland	4	2	6
Bishop Middleham		1	1
Blackhall	2	1	3
Chester Le Street	19	7	26
Chilton	1		1
Consett	1	1	2
Crook		1	1
Darlington	1	1	2
Easington	4	2	6
Esh Winning	1	4	5
Ferryhill	4	4	8
Fishburn		1	1
Gateshead	1	1	2
Great Lumley	3	1	4
Hartlepool	2	1	3
Haswell	1	1	2
Hetton Le Hole	2		2
Horden	2	2	4
Houghton	3	2	5
Lanchester		1	1
Langley Park	3	1	4
Morpeth		1	1
Murton	2	1	3
Newcastle	2		2
Newton Aycliffe	5	4	9
Pelton	3		3
Peterlee	9	7	16
Sacriston	2	7	9
Seaham	12	7	19
Sedgefield	2	2	4
Shotton	3	3	6
Spennymoor	9	4	13
Stanhope		1	1
Stanley		1	1
Southern England		2	2
Thornley	1		1

	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Trimdon</b>	2	5	7
<b>Washington</b>	1	1	2
<b>West Cornforth</b>	1	2	3
<b>Wheatley Hill</b>	1	2	3
<b>Willington</b>	1	1	2
<b>Wingate</b>	3	1	4
<b>Wolsingham</b>		1	1
<b>Yorkshire</b>	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>287</b>