

**Mountsett Crematorium Joint  
Committee**

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Mountsett Crematorium, Joint  
Committee,**

**Changes to Constitution/Terms of Reference**



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**Report of the Clerk to the Joint Committee**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides details of a review of the Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee's Constitution, which in accordance with the Annual Governance Statement requirements is reviewed on an annual basis at the Joint Committee's Annual General Meeting

**Recommendation(s)**

2. It is recommended that:-
  - (i) the Committee note the outcome of the review of the Constitution of the Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Annual Governance Statement; and reapprove the Constitution as set out in Appendix 2

**Background Information**

3. The Constitution which was last updated on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 has been reviewed by the Clerk to the Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee.
4. Members will recall that the Constitution fully reflects the constituent legal titles, expenditure and subsequent surplus distribution arrangements on a 65/35 basis, along with the policies regarding surplus transfer to reserves.

5. Members will again note that the constituent authority membership appointments and asset ownership remain as per the original constitution, dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 1976.
6. The Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee will continue to operate within the procedure rules and financial regulations of the lead partner authority, Durham County Council who will continue to be responsible for the management of the facility and for supporting the Joint Committee.
7. The review has not highlighted any requirements for change to the current Constitution, which is attached at Appendix 2 for Members full consideration and therefore this report reaffirms continuation of the existing Constitution and governance arrangements set out within.

### **Background papers**

- Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee Constitution 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

The Joint Crematorium Committee of Durham and Mountsett were set up further to section 102(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. Section 8.02(a) of Durham County Council Constitution, allows the Council to establish joint arrangements which may involve the appointment of a joint committee with other local authorities

### **Finance**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **Consultation**

There are no requirements for Consultation

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

There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this report.

### **Human Rights**

There are no implications associated with this report.

### **Crime and Disorder**

There are no Crime and Disorder implications associated with this report.

### **Staffing**

There are no implications associated with this report.

### **Accommodation**

There are no Accommodation implications associated with this report.

### **Risk**

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

### **Procurement**

There are no implications associated with this report.

## **Appendix 2**

Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee Constitution dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015