

**Central Durham Crematorium
Joint Committee**

17 June 2009

**Appointment of Clerk and
Treasurer to the Joint
Committee**



Report of Lesley Davies, Clerk to the Joint Committee

1. Purpose of the Report

To appoint appropriate Officers from the new Unitary Authority, Durham County Council, to undertake the roles and responsibilities of Clerk and Treasurer to the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee.

2. Background

As Members will be aware, as a result of Local Government Reorganisation in County Durham from 1 April 2009 the 7 former District Councils and the old Durham County Council have been succeeded by a new Unitary Authority. Accordingly, the Central Durham Crematorium Joint Committee is now a joint committee between the new Durham County Council and Spennymoor Town Council.

3. Current position

At the last meeting of the Joint Committee held 25 March 2009, it was resolved by Minute 2262(2) that:

- (i) Lesley Davies be appointed Clerk with effect from 1 April 2009 on an interim basis.
- (ii) In the event of a vacancy occurring for the post of Treasurer, Stuart Crowe be appointed Treasurer on an interim basis.

4. Proposal and reasons

As Lesley Davies, the current Head of Legal and Democratic Services will be retiring later this year, it is proposed that another appropriate Officer from Durham County Council be appointed to serve as Clerk to the Joint Committee. The proposed Officer is the County Council's Democratic Services Manager, Sharon Spence who holds responsibility for this area of work within the County Council.

Also, in order to best deal with issues in relation to the required works to the cremators in order comply with mercury abatement and possible expansion of facilities, the Corporate Director – Resources, Stuart Crowe would continue in his role as Treasurer to the Joint Committee for the time being.

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

None

Staffing

As outlined in the Report

Equality and diversity

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and disorder

None

Environment

None

Human rights

None

Localities and rurality

None

Young people

None

Consultation

None