

Mountsett Crematoria Joint Committee

17 June 2011

Report of the Superintendant and Registrar



Report of Ian Staplin, Superintendant and Registrar to the Mountsett Crematoria Joint Committee

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide members of the Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee with a quarterly update relating to performance and other operational matters.

Performance Update:

Number of Cremations

2. The table below provides details of the number of cremations for the period 1st April 2011 to 31 May 2011 inclusive, with comparative data in the same periods last year:

	2010/2011	2011/2012	Change
	QTR1 [Apr-May]	QTR1 [Apr-May]	
APRIL	91	89	-2
MAY	90	103	+13
TOTAL	181	192	+11

Gateshead	54
Durham	117
Outside Area	21
Total	192

3. In summary there has been 192 cremations undertaken this quarter, compared to 181 in the comparable period last year an increase of 11.

Operational Matters

Recycling of Orthopaedic Implants and Non-Ferrous Metals

4. In the report to the Joint Committee 4th February 2011 agreement was to participate in this scheme to provide a convenient way to recycle precious metals and to reduce the carbon footprint of the Crematorium. The firm has been in contact and will be delivering the recycling bins when they carry out the next collection of metal in the North East of England in July.

Grounds Maintenance

5. We are now well into the grass cutting season for 2011 and pleased to report the continued positive comments from visitors regarding the grounds maintenance and the improved standards since the Joint Committee agreed the changes Spring 2010.

Potential for a Memorial Garden

6. In the report to the Joint Committee 4th February 2011 agreement was to the development of a business case for the creation of a Memorial Garden.
7. In the intervening time some initial plans have been drawn up and through further discussion with the Chair (Cllr Temple) another option is being developed and all options will be presented at the next meeting for the Joint Committee's consideration.

Recommendations and Reasons

8. It is recommended that Member of the Mountsett Joint Committee:-
 - Note the content of this report with regards to current performance of the crematorium.
 - Note the progress with regards to the recycling of orthopaedic implants and non-ferrous metals.
 - Note the continual improvements in relation to the Grounds Maintenance to the crematorium.
 - Note the Progress made with regards to the memorial garden.

Background Papers:

None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - As identified in the report

Staffing - There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity - None

Accommodation - There are no Accommodation implications associated with this report.

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

Human Rights - None

Consultation - None

Procurement - None

Disability Discrimination Act - None

Legal Implications - As outlined in the report