ISSUES ARISING REPORT FOR Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee Audit for the year ended 31 March 2014



## Introduction

The following matters have been raised to draw items to the attention of Mountsett Crematorium Joint Committee. These matters came to the attention of BDO LLP during the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2014.

The audit of the annual return may not disclose all shortcomings of the systems as some matters may not have come to the attention of the auditor. For this reason, the matters raised may not be the only ones that exist.

The matters listed below are explained in further detail on the page(s) that follow;

Minutes

The following issue(s) have been raised to assist the body. The body is recommended to take action on the following issue(s) to ensure that the body acts within its statutory and regulatory framework.

## Minutes

What is the issue?

The body produced printed minutes, which were submitted for audit purposes. The pages were not initialled by the person signing the minutes.

Why has this issue been raised?

This body submitted minutes for audit purposes which were not maintained in accordance with schedule 12, paragraph 41(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

What do we recommend you do?

The body should ensure with immediate effect that if a loose leaf minute book is maintained the loose leaf pages are consecutively numbered and initialled by the person signing the minutes.

Minutes must be maintained in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972. Loose leaf minute books are lawful but the loose leaf pages must be consecutively numbered and each page must initialled by the person signing the minutes.

Further guidance on this matter can be obtained from the following source(s):

Local Council Administration, 8th Edition, Charles Arnold-Baker, Chapter 7

No other matters came to our attention.

For and on behalf of BDO LLP

Date: 02 September 2014