
REPORT TO:	Housing and Community Services Committee	AGENDA ITEM:	8
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REPORT FROM:	Chief Executive	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO:	N/A
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SUBJECT:	Bretby Crematorium Joint Committee and Scrutiny Panel	REF:	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE:	CS09

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Open Minutes of the Bretby Crematorium Scrutiny Panel Meetings held on 3rd March and 28th April 2004 be received.
- 1.2 That Members' comments on the proposed review of partnership arrangements be submitted to the next Bretby Crematorium Scrutiny Panel meeting.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To receive the Minutes of the Bretby Crematorium Scrutiny Panel Meetings held on 3rd March and 28th April 2004.
- 2.2 To inform Members' of the proposed review of partnership arrangements and to seek feedback.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Open Minutes of the Scrutiny Panel Meetings held on 3rd March and 28th April 2004 are attached at Annexes 'A' and 'B' respectively.
- 3.2 At the 28th April Meeting, the Scrutiny Panel considered a Review of Partnership Arrangements. Attached at Annexe 'C' is a copy of the report presented to the Scrutiny Panel and it resolved:
 1. That each Authority be asked to consider a reduction in the size of the Joint Committee to either three Members from each authority or four Members from East Staffordshire and three Members from South Derbyshire;

2. That the powers to be delegated to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee be set out in a new Agreement with reference being made to the 'call in' procedure for decisions which had a financial value of £25,000 or more;
 3. That the Agreement contain provision for a scrutiny committee to be set up of no more than three Members of each authority not on the Joint Committee if called for either by the Joint Committee or the executive of either authority;
 4. That the Members of each authority on the Joint Committee be asked to obtain approval of their respective authorities to the principal changes set out in (1), (2) and (3) above;
 5. That when agreement has been received, in principle, from each of the authorities to the changes a report be prepared setting out the results of the consultation and the recommendations set out above; such a report to include a further recommendation that the Solicitors to the two authorities draft a new agreement.
- 3.3 Accordingly, Members' views are sought on the proposed way forward, in order that these may be submitted to the next Meeting of the Joint Committee's Scrutiny Panel.
- 3.4 The Council is responsible for making appointments to this Joint Committee. No changes are proposed at this time, but once agreement has been reached on the review of partnership arrangements, the matter will need to be considered by the Council.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 As detailed in the Minutes.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

7.0 Background Papers

- 7.1 See Minutes.