

## **HEALTH & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY PANEL - SCOPING REPORT**

**Councillor requesting item:** Councillor F Birkett on behalf of Panel members.

<b>Issue</b>	The ability for Portchester Crematorium to accommodate the needs of a growing population within Fareham and beyond.
<b>Background</b>	To provide an opportunity for the Panel to scrutinise the Joint Committee's preparedness for maintaining an effective cremation service for the residents of Fareham and beyond.
<b>Objective &amp; Description</b>	<p>The Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel have discussed the need for the Council's cemeteries and crematorium to demonstrate that they have the capacity to cope with a growing population within Fareham and beyond, particularly in view of the fact that Welbourne Garden Village will become a reality over a number of years.</p> <p>The Panel requested that the Chairman of the Crematorium Joint Committee be invited to a future meeting of the scrutiny panel in 2022/23.</p> <p>Objectives would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to explain how the Joint Committee has prepared the crematorium to be able to accommodate a growing population.</li> <li>b) To provide quantitative data regarding in borough and out of borough demand.</li> <li>c) To outline current need and projected future need.</li> <li>d) to explain what action has been taken to date to meet increasing need.</li> <li>e) to explain what plans are in place for the future to meet increasing need.</li> <li>f) to prepare a presentation (no longer than 30 mins) for the Panel to scrutinise.</li> </ul>
<i>Please clearly state the final objective. Objectives might include scrutiny of process or issue, or shaping of policy option or special project.</i>	

<b>Proposed Way Forward</b>	The Scrutiny Panel to be assured that the Crematorium Joint Committee has measures in place to ensure that it is equipped to manage additional need in the future as the population of Fareham and neighbouring areas continues to grow.
<i>How is the objective to be achieved? Options might include a report written by officers and considered by Scrutiny Panels; informal working groups; discussion with external bodies; or a combination of several tools. Thought should be given to the process to be followed once the Scrutiny Panel completes its work; a request or comment may be made to the Executive or policy options offered to Council.</i>	
<b>Key Dates</b>	Suggested Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel meeting scheduled for 20 June 2023