



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 7th December 2010

Subject: Cemeteries and Crematoria Horticultural Maintenance Working Group

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Scrutiny Board meeting on 5th October 2010 established the Cemeteries and Crematoria Horticultural Maintenance Working Group with a membership of up to 8 Members.

2.0 Purpose of the Working Group

2.1 The purpose of the Working Group was to consider the pressure on the maintenance budget for cemeteries and crematoria and the contravening of grave conditions that has resulted in the enclosure of graves which incur additional maintenance costs. It was agreed that the Working Group would visit Lawnswood, Harehills and Hunslet cemeteries to see the problems at first hand. The Working Group to report back to this Scrutiny Board.

3.0 Membership

3.1 The following Councillors have agreed to be Members of the Working Group:

Councillor J Procter (Chair)
Councillor M Rafique
Councillor J Elliott
Councillor J Akhtar
Councillor M Robinson

4.0 Visit to Lawns Wood Cemetery and Crematoria

- 4.1 Members of the Working Group visited Lawns Wood cemetery and crematoria on 18th November 2010 and a note of that meeting is attached for the consideration of the Scrutiny Board.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the note of the visit of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Horticultural Maintenance Working Group to Lawns Wood cemetery on 18th November 2010.

Background Papers

Grave Burial Rights Agreement
Extracts from the Rules and Regulations
for the Management of cemeteries and crematoria