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Gilroes Cemetery Extension – Approval for Capital Expenditure

Report of the Corporate Director, Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks approval to spend the capital funding allocated in the 2002/03 capital programme to support the burial ground extension works to Gilroes Cemetery.

2. Summary

2.1 There is now a severe shortage of burial space at Gilroes and the first phase of this extension will provide a further 4/5 years

2.2 To ensure service continuity, £200,000 was identified to begin the necessary urgent works required to develop existing burial land available at Gilroes Cemetery. It should be noted that the money allocated will be used to develop and complete phase 1 on the attached site plan.

2.3 City Architects were commissioned to prepare the design and contract documentation. A contractor has been selected and the proposed works are due to start on site once the expenditure receives approval.

2.4 This report has been delayed as a result of the need to carry out archaeological investigations on the proposed site. There were no significant findings from these investigations and we are now at the stage where work can commence.

It is therefore necessary to develop the appropriate land as a matter of urgency for future burials. At present 120 burials have taken place in the extension area.

3. Recommendations

That the request for the capital funding be approved in order to carry out the necessary urgent works identified within this report.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

4.1 Financial

There is provision of £200,000 within the 2002/03 Capital Programme for the development of the first phase of the extension.

The first phase will provide 4/5 years capacity. A decision, by Members, on phase 2 will be required within 2 years to enable work to commence before that capacity is reached.

4.2 Legal

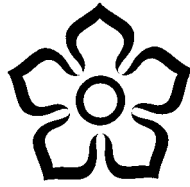
Although provision of a burial ground is not a statutory requirement, the City Council has powers to provide and regulate cemeteries under the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)



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GILROES CEMETERY EXTENSION

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Report

Gilroes Cemetery requires an extension to the existing burial ground, in order to provide a burial facility for present and future use. The design of the extension needs to be sensitive to its location and in keeping with the character of the area whilst maximising land use. The proposed works include the following:

1.1 Land drainage

Land drains will run down the main roads and either side of the central road to catch surface water drainage from the grave areas.

1.2 Road layout design

Design dictated by Health and Safety requirement for funeral directors, with a one way circulation system having a definitive access/exit into the proposed cemetery extension.

1.3 Car Parking

To provide two-car parking areas with five parking spaces per block.

1.4 Seating areas

Proposed to have four semi-circular seating areas, located to the boundaries of the cemetery extension to maximise grave space.

1.5 Landscape proposals

Proposed ornamental tree planting at the end of each row of graves, with blocks of shrub planting.

1.6 Watering points

The water supply is to be located down the centre of the cemetery extension with a standing tap for each section.

A copy of the proposed works is available for perusal.

Further delays will affect the contractor on site as we are approaching the winter period, when death rates and usage are at their highest. The contractor will have to stop all works when a burial is taking place in the extension area. The contractors have allowed for stoppage time within the summer months but not for the heavier use during the winter. It is therefore vital that these works be undertaken at the earliest possible opportunity.

This work will ensure that an additional 848 burial plots will be available and ensure a further 4/5 years at current monthly rates.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1 Financial Implications

The money allocated to carry out the urgent extension works for phase 1 at Gilroes Cemetery is £200,000.

Agreed fees total £30,505, include:

- Project Leader
- Landscape Architect
- Quantity Surveyor
- Clerk of Works
- Drainage Engineer
- Building/water Surveyor

Additional fees total £5131, include

- Archaeology and planning
- Planning application
- Reduction exercise by Quantity Surveyor and Project Lead

Other costs total £5557, include

- Archaeological investigation
- Planning charges
- Legal fees
- Quantity Surveyors Contract Certificate

Fees for future phases will be considerably less than those above.

The contract value at the present time is £170,033, however, City Architects are undertaking a reduction exercise to try to reduce the total cost to £200,000. Should this be unsuccessful any overspend will be met from revenue budgets.

2. Legal Implications

The general powers and duties of burial and cemetery authorities may be summarised as follows:

To provide and regulate cemeteries under the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.

3. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	No		
Policy	No		
Sustainable and Environmental	No		
Crime and Disorder	No		
Human Rights Act	No		
Elderly/People on Low Income	No		

4. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

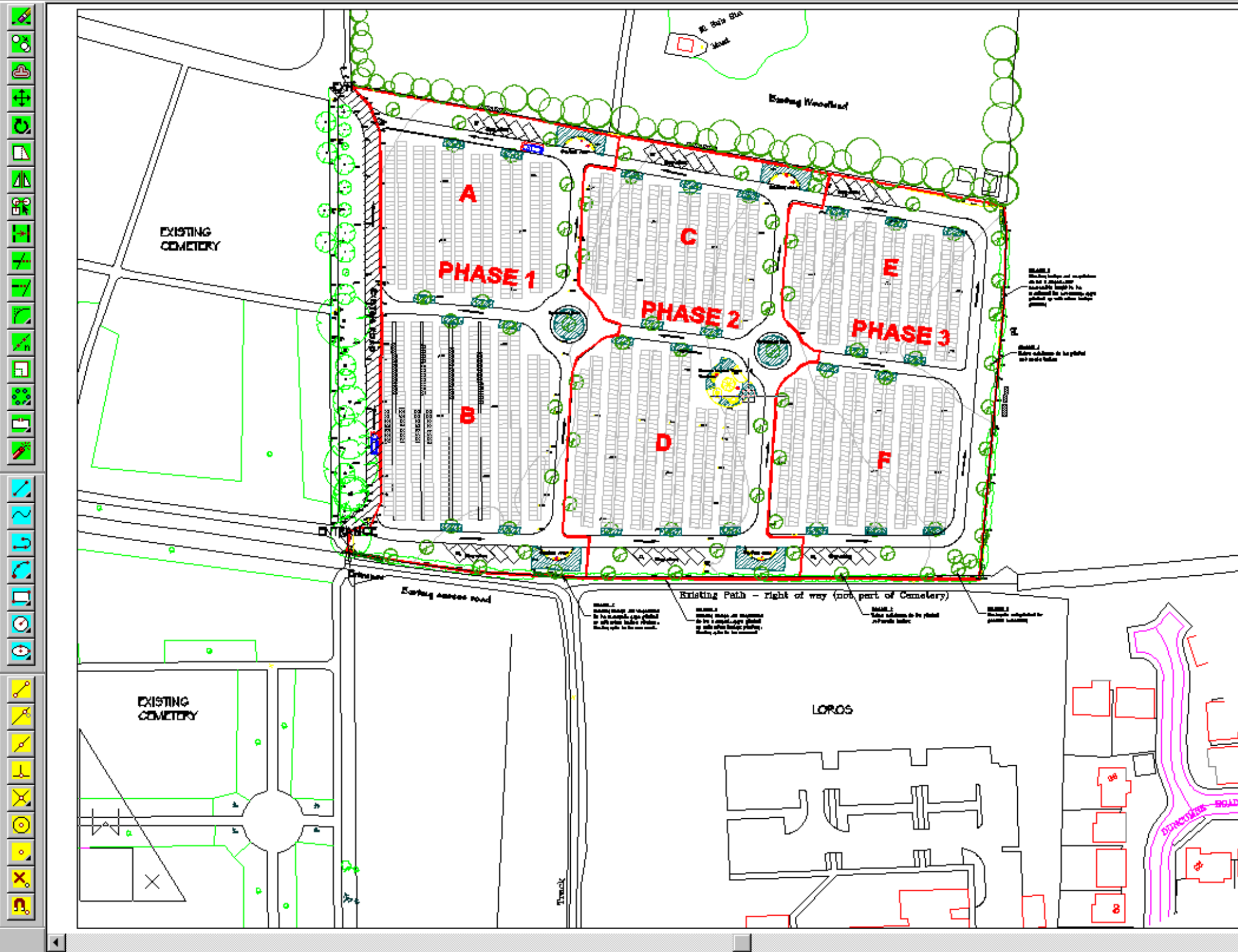
None

5. Consultations

City Architects – Environment, Regeneration and Development Department.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTE

KEY

- Proposed Graves
- Proposed Trees
- Proposed Hedge Planting
- Green Areas
- Direction of water for emergency systems
- Existing Trees
- Existing Nature Hedges
- Proposed nature hedges
- Contours

No. of Graves summary:

- Area A - 365 Graves
- Area B - 403 Graves
- Area C - 334 Graves
- Area D - 413 Graves
- Area E - 317 Graves
- Area F - 353 Graves
- Total: 2,268 Graves**

PHASE 1 (A&B): To be implemented this financial year.

PHASE 2 (C): To be implemented when Phase 1 is resolving its full capacity for burial plots (projected 5-10 years).

Dimensions for graves shown on plan includes space between each grave.

Trees adjacent to grave plots to be a willow or similar species with white flowering cherry. Larger trees such as sycamores or birches.

Nature area adjacent to hedges.

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PROPOSED REVISED LAYOUT PLAN

LAYOUT 1	1/20
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