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1ST SEPTEMBER 2003

SAFFRON HILL CEMETERY – CHILDREN'S SECTION

Report of the Services Director Cultural Services

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval to expenditure of £63,000 within the 2003/2004 capital programme, in order to complete the development of the existing burial land for the interment of young children and babies at Saffron Hill Cemetery.

2 Summary

- 2.1 There is a severe shortage of developed land for the interment of young children and babies at Saffron Hill Cemetery.
- 2.2. £63,000 has been identified within the capital programme for 2003/2004 to develop the existing burial land to provide an area for young children and babies.
- 2.3. The completion of this area will provide a further 50 years of burial space.

3 Recommendations

To approve capital funding of £63,000 to complete the children's section at Saffron Hill Cemetery.

4 Financial & Legal Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

There is provision of £63,000 within the 2003/04 Capital Programme for the development of the children's section at Saffron Hill Cemetery. (Jayne Tysoe, Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal Head of Finance)

4.2 Legal Implications

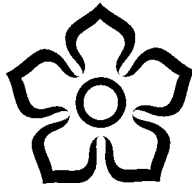
Although provision of a burial ground is not a statutory requirement, the City Council has powers to provide and regulate cemeteries under the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977. (Sandy Mehta , Legal Services)

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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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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Report

1 Background

- 1.1 Saffron Hill Cemetery requires development to the existing burial ground in order to provide a burial facility for present and future use for young children and babies. The design of the area needs to be sensitive to its location and in keeping with the character of the area whilst maximising land use.
- 1.2 The first part of the children's area was prepared in 2000/2001 with monies from the existing revenue budget.
- 1.3 In order to ensure that a high level of service is provided we need to complete the development of the children's area as soon as possible.

2. Proposed Works

2.1 Drainage

Drains will run down the centre of the section to collect surface water from the grave areas.

2.2 Seating areas

There will be two benches at either end of the development to give somewhere for visitors to sit and maximise grave space.

2.3 Landscape proposals

- 2.3.1 The proposed design extends the existing arc and central pathway into a symmetrical configuration of arcs and straight lines with a central feature and dissecting pathway.
- 2.3.2 The central feature is to be a dedicated Garden of Remembrance area designed for scattering cremated remains with the option of a memorial plaque.
- 2.3.3 This work will ensure that an additional 300 graves will be available and ensure a further 50 years of burial space provision.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1 Financial Implications

£63,000 has been included in the capital programme for 2003/2004. Final additional approval is subject to acceptance of the contents of this report. There are no on-going revenue implications arising from this scheme. (Jayne Tysoe, Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal Head of Finance)

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. (Sandy Mehta, Legal Services)

3 Other Implications

3.1

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	PARAGRAPH REFERENCES WITHIN SUPPORTING PAPERS
Equal Opportunities Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	Yes	Part 2 within the work necessary to provide a sustainable children's cemetery
Crime and Disorder	Yes	Racially motivated vandalism has affected part of this cemetery. It is not considered that this will have an impact on the new children's section
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly People/People on Low Income	No	

3.2 Risk Assessment Matrix

	Risk	Likelihood L/M/H	Severity Impact L/M/H	Control Actions (if necessary/or appropriate)
1	Non completion of children's section	L	H	Not appropriate if expenditure approved to enable section to be completed
2	Adverse ground condition affecting use of site for burials	L	M	Drainage and landscape work will minimise risk.

L - Low
M - Medium
H - High

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H - High

4 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972 - None

5 Consultations

Consultee
Dawn Fisher, City Architects
Welters Organisation Worldwide
Jayne Tysoe – CSNR Finance
Sandy Mehta - Legal Services

Date Consulted
April 2003
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SAFFRON HILL CEMETERY – PROPOSED CHILDREN’S SECTION



EXISTING CHILDREN'S SECTION – SAFFRON HILL CEMETERY

