

MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL OFFICER

26TH SEPTEMBER 2014

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

ITEM 1

SEAT BENCHES

1. **Purpose of Report**

To receive Committee's approval to accept five to six donated seat benches every year as identified below.

2. **Background**

New Members may not be aware that the Margam Joint Crematorium Committee (prior to 2008) decided not to accept any more seat benches donated by the public in memory of loved ones. A donor would pay the total cash of the seat bench and some donors even paid for the concrete plinth. The reason for the Committee's decision was due to the increased number of requests from the public and the lack of space to accommodate everyone.

Nearly six years ago this decision was made and I now request the Committee reconsider their decision to allow members of the public to pay for the total cost of a new granite seat bench, excavation, concrete plinth and installation which is approximately £1,700 (total cost).

The seat bench is free of maintenance and would replace the wooden benches which are no longer safe or cost effective to maintain; also seat benches could be introduced into the new area of the Garden of Remembrance. (Old memorial plaques will be placed in the centre of the top section of repaired benches [less than 15 years old] and any plaques over this period will be kept in the crematorium for a period of 12 months for the relatives to claim back).

Careful consideration should be given by the Superintendent to discuss the requirements with the deceased's family with regards to the Authority's materials, installation specification and other health and safety issues surrounding visitors to the grounds of the Crematorium.

3. Recommendation

I seek Committee's approval to accept five to six seat benches per year on the basis of "first come, first served" and at the discretion of the Clerk and the Superintendent of the Margam Crematorium.

4. List of Background Papers

None.

5. Wards Affected

All

6. Financial Implications

None.

7. Officer Contact

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