

MARGAM JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT & REGISTRAR

25TH SEPTEMBER 2015

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED:

All

RECYCLING OF METALS FOLLOWING CREMATION

Purpose of Report

To inform Members of a proposal to commence participation in a scheme for the Recycling of Metals following cremation.

Background

Since the Crematorium was opened in 1969 all metals residues from coffins and surgical implants have, following Cremation, either been discarded with weekly waste or, more recently, buried within the grounds of the Crematorium.

The Institute of Cemetery and Cremation Management (ICCM) now operate a scheme whereby bins are supplied for the reclamation of all metals. The bins are collected periodically, normally on a 12 month basis depending on the number of cremations undertaken, and the metals recycled by a company known as OrthoMetals with ICCM acting as a National Agent. The proceeds are paid to ICCM on a 6 monthly basis and this amount distributed to nominated charities. The charities are nominated by participating Crematoria and in the first 6 months of 2015, £350k was equally divided between 75 charities (approximately £4600 per charity).

Financial Impact

The only cost to the Joint Committee would be an annual membership fee of £445.00.

Appendices

None

Recommendation

That Members consider the recycling of metals following cremation and join the scheme run by the ICCM.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To halt the continued burying of metals in the grounds of the Crematorium and to participate in a recycling programme.

List of Background Papers

None

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