

# **MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE**

## **Report of the Superintendent – Mr Clive Phillips**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

### **Reclamation Scheme**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to enter into a new scheme for reclamation of metals and to nominate a locally based bereavement charity.

### **Background**

2. For many years Margam Crematorium has participated in the Institute of Cemetery and Cremation Management (ICCM) programme whereby bins are supplied for the reclamation of all metals. The reclamation proceeds are paid to ICCM on a 6 monthly basis and this amount distributed to nominated bereavement related charities. In the last three financial years, Margam Crematorium has aided in distributing £44,000 to local bereavement related charities.
3. Margam Crematorium has been contacted by another organisation who operate a similar scheme, this being RSBruce Limited.
4. RSBruce are approved by the Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities and officers have now evaluated this offer against the scheme undertaken by the ICCM and concluded that it appears to offer the opportunity for a greater increase in charitable donations (a 33% increase based on current levels), with the exact value of reclamation being provided as opposed to a contribution. In addition, the following benefits could be realised:
  - (a) RSBruce operate with a much lower carbon footprint than the ICCM scheme with RSBruce based within the UK and all reclamation taking place within the UK;
  - (b) RSBruce operate a full suite of electric vehicles for their collection vans
  - (c) RSBruce can offer collections every six months with flexibility to increase collections as and when required
  - (d) Different material for storage are required which will prove easier to handle for Crematorium Officers

5. Accordingly, officers would advise members to consider moving to the scheme offered by RSBruce for a period of one year with a review to be undertaken by the Superintendent Registrar prior to any longer term arrangements being put in place.
6. At previous meetings, members decided that the nominated charity for the previous year should be Ty Hafan Children's Charity. Accordingly, members are asked to agree at this meeting which charity they would like to nominate and information will be relayed to members at the meeting as to what options will be available.

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

7. There is no requirement for an integrated impact assessment for this report.

### **Financial Impact**

8. No impact

### **Workforce Impact**

9. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report

### **Legal Impact**

10. There are no legal impacts associated with this report

### **Consultation**

11. There is no requirement of external consultation for this item

### **Recommendations**

12. That members approve the participation in the RSBruce scheme for reclamation and that members consider a local bereavement based charity for nomination to RSBruce.

### **Appendices**

13. None.

### **Officer Contact**

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Superintendent Registrar