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Scrutiny Commission

8 February 2017

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Provision of Burial Ground within the Authority

Report of the Director (Environment & Planning)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Scrutiny Commission of available burial ground within the borough.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Scrutiny Commission notes the report and the results of the survey.

2.2 That Scrutiny agrees that this report be sent to all the parish councils to assist them in planning their future burial provision.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

3.1 The population of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council is approximately 105,078 based on the 2011 census information and it is nationally recognised that annual mortality rate accounts for approximately 1% of the population. This would equate to 1,051 deaths per annum of which 25% (263) would normally be buried, 75% cremated.

3.2 Following the request from this committee, Officers have contacted all Parish Clerks seeking information regarding existing burial land and facilities within their parishes. It is also recognised that Hinckley & Bosworth residents use facilities in adjacent to authorities especially in terms of crematoria and related interments.

3.3 The information provided by the Parish Councils provides a useful guide in terms of current facilities and capacity, but there may be inaccuracies and some information was not made available.

3.4 A summary of burial land provision within the parishes run public cemeteries is shown in table below:

Hinckley Area, Town, Parish Council(s) (Population, Census 2011)	Cemetery	Area m2 (Remaining Plots, calculated at 5.06m2)	Average burials per year New -New plots RO - Reopen plots	Calculated remaining Years (Parish estimates)	Plan to increase burial land / Comments
HBBC (HAC) (30681)	Ashby Rd Cemetery	10366 (2049 plots)	New 19 RO 48	108 yrs (108 yrs)	Not necessary
Stoke Golding PC (1684)	Hinckley Rd Cemetery	18 (4)	New 1 RO 2	4 yrs N/A	New facility at Wykin Lane
Stoke Golding PC	Wykin Lane Cemetery	2393 (473 plots)	New 4 RO None so far	118 yrs (119 yrs)	Not necessary
Higham On The Hill PC (840)	PC no facilities St Peter Churchyard				Open Churchyard
Barlestone PC (2481)	Barlestone Cemetery	750 (148 plots)	New 6 RO info not Provided	25 yrs (25 yrs)	Yes
Barwell PC (9022)	Kirkby Rd Cemetery	829 (164 plots)	New 8 RO 7	20 yrs (3 yrs)	Yes, dependant on future allocation of land
Cadeby PC (169)	No response				
Nailstone PC (514)	No response				
Carlton PC (305)	Carlton Parish Cemetery	232 (46 plots)	New 2 RO None so far	23 yrs (23 yrs)	No
Shackerstone PC (921)	No response				PC purchasing land to extend 2 cemeteries
Bagworth & Thornton (2605)	PC no facilities 2 Churchyards				No info provided
Desford PC (3930)	Hunts Lane (B582) Desford	1669 (330)	New 15 RO 17	22 yrs	Yes when necessary - have secured adjacent field
Earl Shilton PC (10047)	Mill Lane Cemetery	750 (148 plots)	New 8 RO 2	19 yrs (50 yrs)	No
Sutton Cheney (538)	PC no facilities Shenton & Sutton Cheney Churchyards				Churchyards open
Osbaston PC (255)	PC no facilities				Parishioners use Nailstone or Barlestone Cems
Market Bosworth PC (2097)	Shenton Lane Cemetery	2530 (500 plots)	New 5 to 8 RO 3 to date	100 yrs (100 yrs)	Not necessary. Current cemetery opened 10yrs
Market Bosworth PC	St Peter Parish Church				Part open / part closed Churchyard
Groby PC (7389)	Groby Village Cemetery	1030 (204 plots)	New 4 RO 3	51 yrs	Not necessary
Markfield PC (4454)	100 Leicester Rd Markfield	1152 (227 plots)	New 3 RO 7	75 yrs 30 yrs +	No
Stanton Under Bardon (634)	PC no facilities St Mary's Churchyard				Ashes only Churchyard
Peckleton PC (1067)	PC no facilities Peckleton, Stapleton & Kirkby Mallory				3 Churchyards open
Ratby PC (4468)	PC no facilities St Philip & James Churchyard				Open Churchyard
Sheepy PC (1174)	PC no facilities				1 Churchyard open
Twycross PC (850)	PC no facilities				3 Churchyards open
Witherley PC (1373)	PC no facilities St Peter's Churchyard				Churchyard open
Burbage PC (14568)	Burbage Cemetery	3036 (600)	New 20 RO 10	30 yrs (30 yrs)	No
Newbold Verdon PC (3012)	Newbold Verdon Cemetery	1020 (200)	New 10 RO 10	20 yrs (15 yrs)	Yes

3.5 In terms of the survey and the information provided, the conclusion is that in the short-term there is sufficient burial land available across the parishes to the borough. However, in the medium-term, the next 3 to 5 years certain councils should be

exploring opportunities to either extend their current facilities or to develop new cemeteries.

- 3.6 In terms of the overall burial figures supplied the current burial rate only equates to 20%.
- 3.7 The majority of burial grounds are provided by the Borough, Town and Parish Councils and are subject to the legislation set out in the Local Government Act 1972 and regulated under (the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977).
- 3.8 There is no legal statutory duty for any level of local authority or other body to provide burial space. However, authorities have legal powers to do so, and have legal duties and responsibilities to maintain existing cemeteries in good condition.
- 3.9 There are other burial grounds “Churchyards” to the parishes which are under the remit of the Church of England and subject to the relevant ecclesiastical legislation.

4. EXEMPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

- 4.1 Open Session

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [IB]

- 5.1 None arising directly from the report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (AR)

- 6.1 As detailed at 3.8 above, there is no statutory requirement on local authorities in England and Wales to make available a place for burial.
- 6.2 In addition to 3.9 above, under English law the Church of England are allowed to pass on to local authorities the responsibility for care and maintenance of closed church yards. In this situation, the Church of England would retain ownership of the church yard.

7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Meets the following aims of the Corporate Plan:

Creating a vibrant place to work and live

- Protect and improve our parks & open spaces
- Recognise distinct community

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The consultation consisted of officers contacting all Parish Clerks requesting that they complete to the burial ground survey.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 It is the Council’s policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

- 9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.
- 9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
N/A		

10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Those providing burial grounds need to consider the changing needs of their communities and ensure they are meeting the different requirements of different faiths.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

Background papers: N/A

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