

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE -  
15 JUNE 2015**

**REPORT OF: THE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR**

**SUBJECT: SOUTH CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT**

**1.0 Purpose of this Report**

1.1 To advise on the progress of the South Chapel Refurbishment project.

**2.0 Design Issues**

2.1 Following the last meeting our architect advised that the supplier of the wood cladding for the walls expressed reservations about the uniformity of the wood's colour. The Committee had previously approved the use of American Yellow Poplar but the architect had reservations as to its suitability due to possible colour variation particularly in a relatively small enclosed space. The wood supplier suggested using an alternative variety: African Ayous. This wood does not have a great range of colour variation and is similar in colour to the sample previously agreed. I consulted with the Chairman of the Committee who concurred with my view that it was appropriate to change the cladding to African Ayous. Samples of the woods will be available for inspection at the meeting.

**3.0 Project Progress**

3.1 Our architects have been supported by Portsmouth City Council's Procurement Section and the tendering process has used the In-Tend computerised system. The prequalification process has been completed and out of twelve expressions of interest received five contractors have been invited to tender. Tenders are currently due to be returned on 19<sup>th</sup> June. The proposed contract start date is 27 July with a provisional date for completion of 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**4.0 Recommendation**

4.1 That the report is noted

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Engineer and Surveyor

*Background List of Documents –  
Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 - None*