

**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE –
24 SEPTEMBER 2012**
**REPORT BY: THE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR,
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CLERK**

**PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM MERCURY ABATEMENT PROJECT –
PROJECT UPDATE**

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update summary on the current progress of the project.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to receive and note the report.

Meetings of the Project Board

2. The Project Board last met prior to the Joint Committee meeting on 18 June and is also scheduled to meet immediately prior to the Joint Committee meeting on 24 September. Since its inception the Board has currently met a total of 36 times.

Specialist Abatement and Building Contractor Works

3. Speltham, the building works contractor, has now largely completed all its works. FT, the specialist abatement contractor, has also now largely completed all its works including the training of operatives in the use of the new equipment. As a result the crematorium is now operating with 100% mercury abatement well ahead of the programme. With a project of this complexity there will inevitably be some “teething problems” and these will be dealt with by the project team as and when necessary.
4. Members of the Joint Committee will have the opportunity to see the new extension and, if they wish, to view the abatement plant on the new first floor.

Electricity Sub-station and easement

5. The deed of variation to the current crematorium lease, in relation to the easement for the new sub-station and associated cable route, is still progressing with the four constituent authorities.

Programme

6. The project is currently well ahead of programme and, as indicated earlier in this report, the crematorium is operating in a fully abated mode.

Risk Register

7. Each risk on the register continues to be re-evaluated in the light of current progress to reflect changed circumstances. There are no matters that require the Joint Committee's attention.

Financial and Related Matters

8. There are no matters requiring the Joint Committee's attention.

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