



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE –
24 June 2024**

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REPLACEMENT OF CREMATORS – UPDATE REPORT

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform members on progress with the project to replace the existing cremators at Portchester Crematorium.

2. Progress

2.1 The details below cover the period March to May 2024.

2.2 Works commenced on site with isolation of four of the existing cremators.

2.3 Building works then commenced forming the new facilities and a new access route to facilitate replacement of the cremators.

3. Supply and Installation of new gas cremators

3.1 Four of the existing gas cremators have been isolated, their filter equipment has been removed and they have been left ready for future removal. The filter equipment for the two retained cremators has now been relocated to allow building works to commence.

3.2 A detailed survey has now been completed to inform the manufacture of the new cremator equipment.

4. Building Contract for works associated with the installation of new gas cremators

4.1 The building contractor has set up site compound in the vicinity of the North Chapel and in the overflow car park.

4.2 Strip out works have commenced in the cremator hall, plant room and associated passageways. Openings have been formed for the new viewing room, control room, hold over facility and plant room entrance. The structure has been prepared and new sections of steelwork installed.

4.3 Work to install the new electrical services for these new facilities has now commenced.

5. Programme

5.1 The current overview programmes are set out below.

| Phase One - 2024 | | |
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| Building Works | New plant room access, hold over facility and viewing room. Structural works to allow installation of two new cremators. | April to August |
| Cremator Works | Removal of four existing cremators. Installation of new abatement and two cremators. | May to December |
| Phase Two - 2025 | | |
| Cremator Works | Removal of remaining two old cremators. Installation of new abatement equipment and two cremators. | April to October. |
| Building Works | Structural works to allow for installation of two new cremators. | April to October |

5.2 With regard to the phase one works, June will see the installation of the hold over facilities and then works commence on the removal of the four isolated cremators.

5.3 Works to date have been in accordance with the programme.

6. Financial Update

6.1 Currently projected costs remain within the allocated budget of £4.5m agreed at the Joint Committee meeting on the 20th March 2023.

7. Conclusions

7.1 During the initial stage of this project all contractors involved have worked well with the on-site team and the wider professional team to minimise disruption to the daily operation of the crematorium.

7.2 Regular meetings taking place to ensure any issues are highlighted and promptly resolved.

7.3 Works are currently in accordance with the agreed programme.

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Background List of Documents –
Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972: Nil