



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE –
23 September 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 June to August 2024.

2.2 Strip out works for removal of 4 old cremators and associated plant is completed.

2.3 Works to adapt current openings and floor space where current cremators have been removed has now been finished.

3. Supply and Installation of new gas cremators

3.1 The works to remove the four old cremators with associated plant has been completed, on time and to programme. The delivery and installation of phase 1 filtration / abatement equipment on the mezzanine level is also now complete.

3.2 Detailed investigations have been conducted to the chimney stack liners both internally and externally. These investigations have confirmed that the liners are extremely corroded and in need of replacement. Subject to the agreement of final costs with the contractor these works will be programmed into phase 2 during 2025.

3.3 During September delivery and installation of the two new cremators will be commenced.

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

4.1 Works to adapt current openings and floor space previously occupied by the old cremators has been successfully carried out as per engineer's design in readiness for the install of 2 new cremators.

4.2 Formation of the new viewing room, control room, hold over facility space and widening of the plant room entrance doors has been completed. It should be noted that due to installation of new cremators the viewing room will remain unavailable for use until the conclusion of Phase 2 work in the autumn of 2025.

4.3 Various electrical and mechanical works for the new facilities have also been completed.

5. Programme

5.1 The current overview programme as set out below remains unchanged except for the addition of the replacement flue liners to the Phase 2, 2025 Cremator works.

Phase One - 2024		
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 Installation of the holdover facility commenced and was completed as per the works programme.

5.3 Works to date are all in accordance with 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 All contractors involved in this project have continued to collaborate 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 are held with the contractors and consultants to ensure any issues are discussed and resolved.

7.3 Works are continuing to run in accordance with the agreed programme.

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