



**REPORT TO: PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE –
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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 September to 15th November 2024.

2.2 The installation of the two new cremators has been completed.

2.3 Testing and commissioning of the new equipment is in progress.

3. Supply and Installation of new gas cremators

3.1 During the period the two new cremators have been constructed and all services connected.

3.2 Testing and commissioning work is now in progress to set up the cremators ready for use.

3.3 The testing and commissioning process will continue during November. Staff will be trained in the operation of the new equipment and the new cremators will carry out their first cremation.

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

4.1 No works of significance have taken place in this period.

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 new cremators.	May to December
Phase Two - 2025		
Building Works	Structural works to allow installation of two new cremators.	April to October
Cremator Works	Removal of remaining two old cremators. Replacement of existing flue liners. Installation of new abatement and two new cremators.	April to October

5.3 Works have continued to be 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.

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