

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOOD, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES
CABINET MEMBER**

WOODLANDS CREMATORIUM ENHANCEMENT FUND

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To report on an enhancement to Woodlands Crematorium during the financial year 2008/09 and to seek approval to charge costs to the Enhancement Fund.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Woodlands Crematorium Enhancement Fund exists through donations made by family and friends of the bereaved.
- 2.2 The fund was created by amalgamating other smaller funds that were previously administered by the former Scunthorpe Borough Council. This was done shortly after North Lincolnshire Council was formed.
- 2.3 The balance in the fund currently exceeds £45,000.
- 2.4 The only enhancement carried out during the year totals £9,781. This was the purchase of the Wesley Music system.
- 2.5 The music system allows the bereaved to choose from a wider selection of professionally recorded music, which is sourced by Wesley Music from the internet. The main advantages are that neither funeral directors nor the bereaved have to supply a CD of the music to be played at services. Also that the issue of copyright with music home burned onto a CD is avoided.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There are two options for consideration:

- 3.1 Option 1 – approve the charge to the Enhancement Fund.
- 3.2 Option 2 – do not approve the charge to the Enhancement Fund.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – Approval of the charge to the fund removes £9,781 of expenditure from the Bereavement Services revenue account and relieves pressure on achieving a very challenging budget target.
- 4.2 Option 2 – The cost would remain in the Bereavement Services revenue account giving an additional pressure.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 Financial
Approval would reduce revenue expenditure by £9,781.
- 5.2 Staffing
There are no staffing implications.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 There are no other implications.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Service Director Finance has been consulted and has agreed that the expenditure is in accordance with the terms of reference of the Enhancement Fund.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member supports the application to charge the cost of the Wesley Music system to the Woodlands Crematorium Enhancement Fund.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report : None.