

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOOD, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES
CABINET MEMBER**

WOODLANDS CREMATORIUM ENHANCEMENT FUND

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the Cabinet Member's approval for the Service Director to draw from the Woodlands Crematorium Enhancement Fund to purchase new signage and notice boards for the cemetery grounds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Over a number of years, visitors to the chapel at Woodlands Crematorium have donated various sums of money to the facility's Enhancement Fund. In recent years the Fund has been used to pay for small projects such as a path from the overflow car park to the crematorium, which is suitable for use by wheelchair users.
- 2.2 In 2009 Woodlands Cemetery was awarded Green Flag status and in 2010 the judges re-accredited the site. However, in their feedback following the inspection the judges indicated that some new directional signs and notice boards were required to assist members of the public when visiting the cemetery. Re-accreditation of the site in 2011 could be put in jeopardy should the council not take the required action.
- 2.3 Four signposts and four notice boards are needed to comply with the judges' advice. The signage and notice boards must be of the same design as those already in use on the site.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 - That the Cabinet Member agrees to use the Woodlands Crematorium Enhancement Fund to purchase new signage and notice boards for the cemetery grounds.
- 3.2 Option 2 - That the Cabinet Member does not agree to the use of the Enhancement Fund for the above purpose.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 - The use of the Enhancement Fund is suitable for this purpose and it will contribute greatly to the continuation of Green Flag status at this site in 2011 and beyond.
- 4.2 Option 2 – It is possible that Woodlands Cemetery will lose its Green Flag status in 2011 should the infrastructure not be enhanced as described in this report.

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

- 5.1 The costs are as follows:

Signposts

Signage column	£285
Finger Arms (4 per post)	£504
Standard Finial	£ 95

Total: £884 x 4 = £3,536

Notice Boards

Total: £ 1,245 x 4 = £4,980

Grand Total = £8,516

- 5.2 Currently the Enhancement Fund contains the sum of £29,024. The Service Director Finance confirms that it is appropriate to use the Fund for this purpose.
- 5.3 It should be noted that there is another report on this agenda that seeks permission to draw down from the Enhancement Fund. However, there would still be a healthy balance for the Fund, which will increase in future thanks to the generous donations of visitors.

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

- 6.1 The signage and notice board improvement will assist visitors to the cemetery and enhance the immediate environment.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 No formal consultation has taken place other than with the Green Flag judges.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the use of the Woodland Crematorium Enhancement Fund to purchase new signage and notice boards as described in this report.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Final Report of the Green Flag Inspection – 2010.