

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **CABINET**

**DATE:**                   **TUESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

**REPORT BY:**           **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**

**SUBJECT:**               **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REVISED  
CEMETERY REGULATIONS 2012**

**1.00    PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek approval from Members for the revised Flintshire County Council Cemetery Regulations.

**2.00    BACKGROUND**

The Cemetery Regulations (copy attached at Appendix 1) are reviewed on a bi-annual basis to keep abreast of changes to legislation, cemetery operations and administrative issues surrounding the service.

**3.00    CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01    The proposed revisions to the Cemetery Regulations provide a clear, consistent and transparent approach to our service standards and our approach to cemetery regulation for our customers.

3.02    The sections of the regulations which have been subject to change are;

3.02.1   Rules Relating to Lawned Cemeteries

3.02.2   Rules Relating to Non-Lawned Cemeteries

*Previous Regulations contained one general section covering both 3.02.1 & 3.02.2 above. These have now been reworded and separated into two defined areas. In the Non Lawned Cemeteries, approval is sought for regulation added to allow FCC to remove dangerous / unkept kerbsets 50 years after last interment*

3.02.3   Rules Relating to General Memorialisation

*With the trends to memorialisation changing and in an attempt to control items placed on the grave we have now allowed Solar Lights, Wind Chimes etc., but limited numbers and size. Regulation also added to allow FCC powers to remove any items considered a risk to Health & Safety of visitors and workers.*

3.02.4   Rules Relating to Headstones

*Regulations enhanced in relation to registrations required and fixing methods to be used, and Memorial Sizes standardised*

### 3.02.5 Memorial Benches

*New Regulation as not included in previous versions. Reference also made to siting of benches in the newer cemeteries such as Kelsterton or Greenfield No2, or future cemeteries being limited to specific locations pre determined by Bereavement Services*

### 3.02.6 Rules Relating to Cremated Remains Areas

*Similar to 3.02.1 & 3.02.2 as separate section has been created for this area rather than have it contained within general interments*

### 3.02.7 Rules Relating to Woodland Burials

*New Regulation relating to the new Woodland Burial Area being established at Kelsterton Cemetery*

### 3.02.8 Disputes, Offences and Alterations

*Clear guidance given on how disputes will be dealt with*

## **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That the Cabinet approves the proposed revised Regulations.

## **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

None

## **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

None

## **8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

None

## **9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

None

## **11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

Local Authority Members of the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Cemetery & Crematoria Group were consulted

and views and guidance incorporated into the revised Regulations based on good practise in this area from across the UK.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Appendix 1 – Cemetery Regulations 2012

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985**  
**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Flintshire County Council Cemetery Regulations 2012/13.

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