

## **MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD 20 NOVEMBER 2018**

### **Wards: Borough Wide, Merton and Sutton**

### **Subject: Update on Public Conveniences**

Lead officer: Doug Napier, Greenspaces Manager

Contact officer: Doug Napier, Greenspaces Manager

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#### **Recommendations:**

1. That the Board notes the contents of this report.
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#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To advise Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery Board on the current status on the planned refurbishment of the public conveniences at the main entrance to Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery.

#### **2. DETAILS**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Board on 5 June 2018, the matter of the condition of the public conveniences located by the cemetery's main entrance was raised and discussed, focusing in particular on the condition and safety of the internal ceiling at that time.
- 2.2 Following the meeting of the Board on 5 June 2018, the Greenspaces Manager provided an update (with photograph, see Appendix 1) for Members on 19 June 2018 confirming that the toilet block ceiling had been entirely stripped (thereby eliminating any safety concerns) and that it was the Council's intention to carry out repairs and renovations to the building to ensure that the internal environment was more attractive and inviting for users and agreed, furthermore, to provide an update on progress at the next meeting of the Board.
- 2.3 Prior to the commencement of the planned renovations, our contractor, *idverde*, undertook the task of removing all vegetation from within one metre of the building and to unblock the air bricks, drainage gullies and down-pipes in order to increase ventilation and to avoid cold spots and condensation that might cause unnecessary further damage to the building fabric.
- 2.4 Members of the Board visited the toilet block during their annual site inspection tour of the cemetery on 17 July 2018 to view its condition at first hand.

2.5 The deteriorated condition of some of the doors and window frames prior to the renovation works are illustrated in Appendix 2 of this report.

2.6 The scope of the renovation works, currently in progress (see Appendix 3), includes the following items:

Main roof - replacement roof coverings.

Internal works - replacement ceilings to the WC areas, internal redecoration and wash down all surfaces.

External - Joinery repairs, including replacement window frames and sashes, doors & door frames. External redecorations.

### **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

3.1 None for the purposes of this report.

### **4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

4.1 None for the purposes of this report.

### **5. TIMETABLE**

5.1 The current refurbishment exercise is due to be completed during this month (November 2018).

### **6. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 A sum of £32,850 was allocated to the renovation project in the revised budget for 2018/19 presented at the 5 June 2018 meeting of the Board.

### **7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None for the purposes of this report.

### **8. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 None for the purposes of this report.

### **9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None for the purposes of this report.

## **10. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Contained within the body of the report.

## **11. APPENDICES - the following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report**

- Appendix 1 - Stripped toilet block ceiling (June 2018)
- Appendix 2 - Pre-renovation toilet block windows & doors
- Appendix 3 - Renovated ceiling & roof (November 2018)

## **12. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Minutes of the Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery Board meeting of 5 June 2018.

**Appendix 1 - Stripped toilet block ceiling (June 2018)**



**Appendix 2 - Pre-renovation toilet block windows & doors**







**Appendix 3 - Renovated ceiling & roof (November 2018)**







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