

MERTON AND SUTTON JOINT CEMETERY BOARD
19 FEBRUARY 2008

(19:15 to 20:45)

PRESENT: Sutton Councillors: John Drage (Chair), Ian Chapman and Peter Wallis.
Merton Councillors: Margaret Brierly, Patricia Lewis, George Reynolds and Ron Wilson.
Colin Millar (Clerk), Grant Miles (Acting Treasurer), Mike Smith (Acting Registrar), Graham Masson (LBM Estates Manager), Mark Robinson (LBM – Cemetery Manager) and Mark Waldron (Cemetery Supervisor)

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor George Reynolds and Howard Joy (Consultant Surveyor). Graham Masson attended on behalf of Howard Joy.

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2007

RESOLVED: That the minutes are agreed.

2 INTERMENT STATISTICS

RECEIVED

3 REVENUE ESTIMATES 2007/08 AND 2008/09

RESOLVED: 1) That the Revised Estimates for 2007/2008 based on the 3rd quarter's budgetary Monitoring 2007/08 be approved.

2) The Revenue Estimates for 2008/2009 as submitted be approved

3) That the precepts for the financial year ended 31st March 2007 be set at zero.

4) That nationally negotiated pay awards be implemented by the Treasurer, in consultation with the Clerk to the Board, for the groups of staff covered by each separate agreement, or negotiating body.

5) That the scale of fees and charges detailed within Appendix D is approved.

6) That a contribution of £75,000 is made to the Capital Fund to finance the Capital Expenditure set out in the Capital Strategy detailed within Appendix G be approved.

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of an individual.

4 LAND HOLDING – PROGRESS REPORT

Graham Masson said that he would report the Board's frustration at the delay by EDF in providing an electricity supply and update members with any developments.

RESOLVED: That officers are instructed to obtain a quote for the possible

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diversion of the spring water.

That officers are instructed to raise with Sutton Council the possibility of introducing a culvert in Green Lane.

5 WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN PLANNED OR REQUIRED WITHIN THE CEMETERY

RESOLVED: 1) That officers are given delegated authority to spend up to £30,000 on repairs to the boundary wall and painting the fence;

- 2) That the Board agrees to proceed with unconsecrating Section U;
- 3) That the Board agrees to the removal of the shed;
- 4) The Board agrees to progress with the preparation of area D in line with the suggestions in the report subject to officers taking legal advice in respect of the Board's contractual position in regard to the tenant of Area C;
- 5) That a further report on the costings for the work in preparing Area D be prepared for the next meeting of the Board;
- 6) That the Board agrees to progress the records database proposals up to the £30,000 agreed in the Capital Programme;
- 7) That the Board agrees to the purchase of the van set out in paragraph 2.12 of the report and to reconsider the waiting room at the annual meeting.