

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 7</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December 2014</b>	<b>CATEGORY:</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Cemetery Provision</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>Districtwide</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:</b>

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### 1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Report to be noted

### 2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To update Members on this service which has been previously monitored by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### 3.0 Detail

#### Background Update

3.1 Current demand at Gresley leaves approx. a year before it is full.

3.2 Plots currently available within district council managed sites are as follows:

Site	Full Grave	Cremated Remains plots
Gresley	11	63
Newhall	106 (plus additional section not yet mapped out)	98 (new area designated for cremated remains)
Marston	276	9
Findern	13	3
Aston	0	20
Etwall	0	Unlimited (remains scattered in Remembrance Garden)

#### New Land

3.3 Gresley - The main thrust of the original report was the shortage of cemetery space in the urban core once Gresley Cemetery ran out and adopting the principle to explore opportunities of finding new space. Since then Property

Services identified 9 SDDC owned areas of land but on closer scrutiny none were appropriate to pursue due to size, access, legal or alternative use reasons. Similarly use of Common Land was explored but again was non-viable for legal reasons.

- 3.4 Consideration was then given to other non SDDC land close to Church Gresley. Not many options were identified and those that were would have housing land values making their acquisition unaffordable. A full evaluation of these sites on the back of this initial assessment has not been undertaken due to other service priorities and officer capacity.
- 3.5 Findern – working with Property Services to claim back and fence our land. Anticipate in the New Year. Additional space should give us approximately 770 Plots although some capacity would be lost to paths etc and the fact this site only allows for single graves due to the high water table.
- 3.6 Etwall – previous interest from developer to extend site as part of planning application has been withdrawn.
- 3.7 Newhall – Property Services are currently making some informal enquiries regarding a piece of land adjacent to the cemetery.
- 3.8 Otherwise no progress. Not been a service priority.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 None.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 None

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 Providing burial space is an important Council service that should be maintained.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 Provision of burial space in the urban core will continue to be sought.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

- 8.1 None