

## Work Programme Suggestion

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### Proposed Scope/ Focus of Review

Horsham is a Burial Authority, the proposed work programme is to review the capacity of crematoria used by HDC residents and to assess whether this is sustainable long term. It should review each Crematorium's plans to identify whether they have any major plans which will reduce their capacity for any length of time. It should also review the carbon impact of exporting all our cremations to other authorities and identify the carbon foot print of the actual cremations and whether there are plans to use non-fossil fuels in future also review the ancillary impact of travel to and from crematoria.

Finally the programme should seek to identify costs and potential revenue streams if a crematorium was to be built within the HDC area.

### Your rationale for selection

Cremations are the most widely used way of coping with deceased remains however most crematoria depend on fossil fuel with the resultant carbon emissions. Horsham does not have a crematorium therefore it exports its emissions to neighbouring authorities. It may be that this is the best model- the work programme will provide evidence. Although all crematoria operate to recognised standards most are relatively old and it may be that a new build within the district could use latest best practice and avoid carbon emissions. A local crematorium would boost the local economy by enabling local businesses to cater for wakes.

### Evidence

#### Desired Outcomes/ Objectives/Possible terms of reference

The desired outcomes are a set of evidence on carbon emissions of crematoria and ancillary transport emissions and the current best practice for fuel use in crematoria. If justified recommend a study to develop an indicative cost of building a new crematoria and indicative annual cash flow.

### Objective

The key objective is to determine whether the current arrangements are sustainable in the short and medium term, and if not what the range of options Horsham has.

The key measures must be capacity for our residents and carbon emissions.

### Terms of reference

Recruit a Task and Finish Group.

Take evidence from the local crematoria on their operations and their perception of the sector's future

Take evidence from other key stakeholders

Report on findings and make evidence based recommendations.