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Date of executive meeting report will be going to: 10/02/2026

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Title of report: Cremator Replacement

Report : Ipswich Crematorium is located, within The New Cemetery, in the North of Ipswich. The Old and New Cemetery is a grade II* listed park and garden and is adjacent to the grade II listed Temple of Remembrance. The existing buildings comprise the original crematorium building and chapel (built in circa 1928) and later extensions in the 60s and, most recently, an extension (what used to be 'The North Chapel'), which houses the current cremators.

The gas cremators, installed in 2012, are life expired and in need of replacement. In addition to the ongoing maintenance and repairs required to maintain their operation, new regulatory requirements from DEFRA (PG5/2[23]) will render the existing cremators inoperable by 3rd December 2029, as they will no longer comply.

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.: Information from statutory partners (e.g police)

Service area: Parks & Cemeteries

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What is proposed?: To replace the existing gas cremators, installed in 2012, as they are life expired and in need of replacement. In addition to the ongoing maintenance and repairs required to maintain their operation.

Why are the changes being introduced?: Alongside the end of life requirements new regulatory requirements from DEFRA (PG5/2[23]) will render the existing cremators inoperable by 3rd December 2029, as they will no longer comply.

What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it

being used?: There is no suggested change to how the crematorium operates or offers services this is a statutory required change to improve management of pollutants such as particulates, dioxins and furans, nitrogen oxides (NOx) and Hydrogen chloride (HCl), which are all emitted at different stages during the cremation process.

How will this change be implemented?: By replacing the two existing cremators.

Age: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: There is no impact expected as cremations and associated services will not be effected by this change.

Disability: No impact

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Marriage & Civil Partnership: No impact

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Race: No impact

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Pregnancy & Maternity: No impact

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Religion or Belief: No impact

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Gender Reassignment: No impact

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Sex: No impact

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Sexual Orientation: No impact

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I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives:I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives

The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s): There will still be various cremation services available and the statutory function of providing a public health service will not be impacted.

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): We will still offer a variety of cremation services including attended and non-attended. With burials options still available for personal choice and all faiths.

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s):By addressing the environmental changes required to operate the cremators and offering a choice of options of service and no service cremations.

The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s):By monitoring the number and type of cremation undertaken - alongside the statutory emissions reporting that will need to take place.
