

OFFICER DECISION

Decision: Approval of contract award for crematorium development to Chester Composites Ltd.

Decision Date: 20^h April 2026

Type of Decision: Director	Key	X*	Non-Key
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Portfolio Area that decision relates to:

Leader (inc Corporate Services, Policy, Strategy & Partnerships)		Environment and Climate Emergency	
Economy & Transport		Finance, Performance, Major Projects & Equalities	
Children, Young People and Education		Children, Young People & Education	
Health, Wellbeing and Adults Social Care		Housing, Planning & Safer Communities	X

Background / Decision Summary:

*Executive agreed in February 2025 the CRAM bid funding for a modular expansion of the crematorium facility in York as an additional waiting area with enclosed accessible toilet facilities. The procurement has now completed with contract award to the winning bidder now due. The funds approved for the project by two CRAM bids were £596k in total.

The crematorium site is in dire need of modernization and maintenance and requires additional capacity to compete with private venues now being built. Facilities are not of a professional standard and require significant repair and development.

The winning procurement bid was c£435k plus additional project costs and fees. We believe a final total cost of £560k for the project with a c£36k contingency is available.

Approval required to enter into the contract with Chester Composites Ltd.

Options Considered:

Funding the development, which is within the allocated budget and can be delivered with the timescale and working parameters required by the service.

Not funding and losing the facility. A further procurement would only see costs increase and would require significant additional time. This would also impact the future operation of the site and reduce revenue streams identified by the expansion.

Options Rejected:

Not Funding. The site is in dire need of significant modernization and improvement, future revenue would also be negatively impacted if improvements are not made.

Consultation Process:

Discussion with the service and its associated funeral Directors has taken place over many years of proposals.

Implications

Crime & Disorder		Equalities	X	Highways	
Human Resources		Legal		ICT	
Financial		Affordability		Property	
Climate Change		Health	X	Other	
Environment		Human Rights			

Implications Contact:

Procurement: Chloe Wilcox

Finance: Patrick Looker

Level of Risk: Low.

Wards Affected:

All Wards	X	Fishergate		Holgate		Rural West York	
Acomb		Fulford & Heslington		Hull Road		Strensall	
Bishopthorpe		Guildhall		Huntington & New Earswick		Westfield	
Clifton		Haxby & Wigginton		Micklegate		Wheldrake	
Copmanthorpe		Heworth		Osbalwick & Derwent			
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe		Heworth Without		Rawcliffe & Clifton			

Comments/Observations:

Decision: To enter into the contract awarded through an open procurement process with Chester Composites Ltd.

Decision Made by: Pauline Stuchfield

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On behalf of:

To be implemented by: Andrew Laslett

On Completion – Signed off by: 

Date:
20/4/2026