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<b>Subject</b>	Burial Ground Provision
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
 That Option 2 is selected, inviting expressions of interest from commercial operators to partner the Council in seeking new burial ground in Mole Valley.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Following a petition submitted by Dorking Muslim Community Association in 2011 requesting assistance to find a new burial ground for the Muslim Community, MVDC’s Executive requested that this issue was looked at in the round to see if it was feasible to find a new burial ground that could be utilised by all faiths in Mole Valley for Mole Valley residents.

MVDC’s Executive requested that the faith community was involved and the conduit for engaging with the faith community was through the Churches Together groups around the district, Dorking Muslim Community Association and other faith groups where representatives were available.

The short term need for Mole Valleys Muslim Community has been addressed, however the long term need for this and other faiths needs consideration.

This report sets out the issues and points raised by the group which need consideration by the Councils Executive. The faith community has expressed a view that this should be a service that the Council continues to provide through seeking new burial sites.

It is clear there is a need to consider the availability of new burial ground as the current provision is decreasing across the district. The biggest issue for MVDC is the availability of land for such a purpose, how the Council seeks such a provision and the financial viability of providing this non statutory service to determine whether it wishes to continue to provide this service.

Further work is needed, however resources are limited and the Executive needs to determine if this is a project to be pursued.

**\* CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

**Access to Services – Helping residents to access the services they need**

This provision of a new burial ground considers access to services through analysing burial ground requirements in consultation with different faiths and the views of the community from across the district. This work and the establishment of the Mole Valley Burial Ground Advisory group clearly demonstrates ‘engaging with our customers’ and ‘listening to our communities’ enabling the community to shape the decisions of MVDC.

## **Environment - Maintaining the character and environment of Mole Valley**

As this report is considering development of a new burial ground it will need to respect and compliment Mole Valley's unique environment and landscape to avoid any adverse impacts.

## **Value for Money - Delivering quality, value for money services**

In providing any new burial ground it clearly has to provide value for money and quality therefore assessing need and feasibility is essential to inform decisions on the future provision of this service. Careful assessment of the business case around a new burial ground will need to be made in respect of the Council's revenue budget position. This would include the assessment of a number of options to ensure value for money.

## **The Executive has the authority to determine the Recommendations**

### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

In 2002 MVDC's Executive decided not to find a new burial ground within the district following the work of a Cemetery Working Group. However following a petition submitted by Dorking Muslim Community Association in 2011 requesting assistance to find a new burial ground for the Muslim Community, MVDC's Executive requested that this issue was looked at in the round to see if it was feasible to find a new burial ground that could be utilised by all faiths in Mole Valley for Mole Valley residents.

The Executive requested that the faith community was involved in the project to examine the issue

The Executive requested that the conduit for engaging with the faith community was by the Churches Together groups around the district, Dorking Muslim Community Association and other faith groups where representatives were available.

The following members were invited and agreed to be part of a Mole Valley Burial Advisory Group

Revd. David Eaton	(Christian Dorking Churches)
Martin Cole	(Leatherhead Churches Together)
Gillian Caffell	(Leatherhead Churches Together)
Phillip Goldenberg	(Guildford Synagogue)
Syed Mozir	(Dorking Muslim Community Association (DMCA))
Misbah Mosobbir	(Dorking Muslim Community Association)
Raj Haque	(Dorking Muslim Community Association)
Ruth Walker	(Diocese of Guildford)
Iain Grimstone	(Ashtead Churches Together)
Alan Jenkins	(Bookham Churches Together)

Two meetings were held with the group and details of the information discussed and points raised are shown below

### **1.1 INFORMATION SHARED**

#### **1.1.1 Current Provision**

MVDC owns and operates only one cemetery in Dorking which has over 18,000 people interred there. Randall's Road Crematorium and Burial Ground is privately owned and managed and there are various parish churchyards in use around the district. There are currently 5 closed churchyards (full) in the district: St Martin's Shared Church, Dorking, Holy Trinity Church, Westcott; St John's Free Church, Westcott; Ockley and Oakwood and St Nicolas Church, Bookham

MVDC currently estimates that at current burial rates there is 3-5 years worth of new grave space available at Dorking Cemetery, after this point the cemetery will only be available to those who have existing grave rights and there is space in the respective grave to use.

The cemetery service is not a statutory service that MVDC is legally required to provide as a Local Authority.

MVDC has been in contact with the Diocese of Guildford and there is no data on available burial space across the district nor is there a strategic plan for the future of this provision in the district or Surrey

MVDC does not have a vast land bank - only 309 ha/763 acres out of the 100 square miles of the district. Much of this land is protected, or leased to other organisations who provide valuable services.

Census data from 2001 was also presented to the group to demonstrate the demographics of the district.

## **1.2 Planning and Statutory Restrictions**

There are a number of planning issues to address when considering new burial grounds.

### **1.2.1 Environment Agency**

When planning any new burial ground the Environment Agency becomes the statutory consultee who have a number of requirements that must be met;

- No Burials in to standing water
- At least 1 metre of soil below the base of the grave, making the overall depth required 3.5m below ground level.
- At least 250m away from the nearest potable groundwater supply source.
- At least 30m away from any spring or water course.
- At least 10m away from any existing field drains.

If sites are found a number of surveys are required and set down by the EA to enable them to consider a development. The principle piece of work is a Tier 1 survey costing around £3000 per site to establish ground conditions, water table and water datum. It is also likely Tier 2 and 3 surveys will be needed along with other surveys, such as ecological, which become progressively more expensive.

### **1.2.2 Planning**

The Planning and Housing Policy Manager also presented information on the Council's role as planning authority in establishing a new burial ground within Mole Valley and is summarised below.

The Council has two roles as the local planning authority

- **Plan making**
- **Decision taking**

#### **Plan making**

The preparation of local development plans. They cover:

- Strategic principles, e.g. where, how much development to be provided
- Site specific allocation of land for development to meet needs
- Policies for new development

Current local development plans for Mole Valley:

- Core Strategy (2009)
- Mole Valley Local Plan (2000)
- Dorking Town Action Plan (2012)
- Land Allocations (2015)

### **Decision Making**

- Determination of planning applications.
- Decisions taken in light of provisions of local plans unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

### **Planning options for new burial space.**

- (a) Identify available site and submit planning application
- (b) Identify available site and promote its allocation in new local plan.

### **Issues**

- Likely to be a Green Belt location
- Proximity to existing services and facilities – edge of built up areas
- Availability and deliverability of site
- Timing of provision.

### **Implications of the Green Belt Designation**

MVDC is approximately 85% designated as green belt which has a number of implications;

The material change of use of the land within the greenbelt is considered to be inappropriate unless it maintains the openness and does not conflict with the purpose of including land within the greenbelt. It is considered that the change of use of the land to a cemetery could maintain its openness and therefore the principle of such a change of use may be considered to be acceptable.

If such a site was considered in the Greenbelt or the countryside beyond, the issue of sustainability would have to be considered – access to public transport and proximity to built up areas would be a major concern.

There is also a need to formally assess future burial requirements based on population data to predict future burial rates.

## **1.3 Capital Costs**

### **1.3.1 Site Development**

Industry experts have been consulted and it is estimated that to make a cemetery economically viable an area of 5 acres/2.5ha at a rate of 600 burials per acre, gives a life span to cover a period of around 50 years.

To develop a site, i.e. ground preparation, paths, fences, ancillary services, and it is considered appropriate to do this in a staged way as space is required, it is estimated that the first hectare average cost is £180,000 and the subsequent hectares at £80,000, plus the purchase of the land, feasibility work and professional fees.

## **1.4 DISCUSSION AND POINTS RAISED**

A number of points were raised throughout the course of the two meetings and the following information was shared with the group:

- 1.4.1 The group stated that the provision of burial grounds should continue to be a Local Authority function, even if it was at a cost to the Council. The reason for this is to balance the charges levied by commercial operators which have a monopoly on the market, and is unaffordable to many by introducing competition and choice to residents. Once Dorking

Cemetery is full, it is seen by the group that Randall's Road Crematorium then has a monopoly over MV's residents.

The group's view is that as a Local Authority, MVDC has role in ensuring this service is available and affordable to all. MVDC stated that this view would need to be more widely tested on the community as a whole to obtain data for the Council's Executive to consider should it wish to pursue a future burial cemetery service. It was suggested that MVDC could work with a commercial operator to deliver this with tight cost controls.

- 1.4.2 The group agreed that any new site should be able to accommodate different faiths and the subsequent regulation and practice. The site should also include the option for green burial. If a site is found it should also be jointly consecrated. However, Philip Goldenberg (PG) did state that the Jewish community requirement for burial space is likely to be small as many will still continue to use London sites.
- 1.4.3 The group agreed in taking this forward MVDC should be considering two sites one in the Leatherhead area and one in the Dorking area to match the population split.
- 1.4.4 Concern was raised by Leatherhead Churches Together that in 20 years time based on facts and figures there will be a boom in the need for burial space as the baby boom generation starts to expire.
- 1.4.5 Dorking Muslim Community Association (DMCA) raised concern about the short term for the Muslim community in Mole Valley as currently they have to travel far away or send the deceased back to Pakistan for burial arrangements meeting their faith's requirements. DMCA also stated they would be prepared to meet most of the current Dorking Cemetery regulations with the exception of the alignment of the grave, which must be orientated towards Mecca in order to establish a provision for the local Muslim community quickly.
- 1.4.6 PG questioned the use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers and stated that land could be purchased at existing or proposed use values, i.e. eliminating "hope value". This might be particularly applicable if a proposed site was (as might well be the case) on the edge of a built-up area. MVDC currently has no history of using CPO's for this purpose and it is likely that members would want to see all other avenues explored and that a CPO of land would be the last resort.
- 1.4.7 PG also felt that this issue of burial ground provision needed some sort of joint working between local authorities as populations don't stop at LA boundaries and could be an efficient way forward. PG also stated that Woking and Guildford BC had undertaken investigations to establish burial ground requirements in future years. MVDC responded that at this stage to say that the Council's Leader had asked that we consider this on a Mole Valley only basis as it would be a discretionary service funded by MV's Council tax payers if it were to go ahead.

## **1.5 Actions Arising from the Work of the Group**

### **1.5.1 Availability of Burial Space**

Following on from the initial meeting many submitted details of the availability of Burial space in their respective areas and Reverend David Eaton sent out a questionnaire covering the Anglican Dorking and Leatherhead Deaneries.

The questionnaire was sent to 26 local Church of England parishes in the Dorking and Leatherhead areas. 16 replies were received. Of these 10 expect to be able to go on burying for between 3 and 150 years but on average up to 10 years, the other 6 are closed to burials. All 16 parishes are able to continue interring ashes for at least 10 years and in many cases for a good deal longer. A detailed breakdown is below.

Most of the replies favoured two burial grounds - one for Leatherhead and one for Dorking - mainly on the basis that one burial ground for the whole of Mole Valley would mean that some relatives would have to travel quite a distance when wishing to visit the deceased.

	<b>Burial Life Years</b>	<b>Ashes Life Years</b>	<b>Number of new burial grounds preferred</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Dorking Deanery</b>				
Abinger	10	15	2	
Coldharbour	7	15	2	
Dorking St Paul's	0	0	NR	No Burial Ground
Holmwood	0	0	NR	
North Holmwood	0	0	NR	No Burial Ground
Ranmore	<	<	NR	
Wotton	<	<	NR	
Capel	30	30	2	
Dorking St Martins	0	10	NR	
Holmbury St Mary	3	<	NR	Not in Mole Valley District
Newdigate	8	<	2	
Ockley and Forest Green	NR	NR	NR	
Westcott	40	<	2	
<b>Leatherhead Deanery</b>				
Ashted (St Giles)	10 to 20	20	NR	80 spaces left
East Horsley	NR	NR	NR	Not in Mole Valley District
Fetcham	NR	NR	NR	
Leatherhead	1	10	2	2-3 spaces left
Mickleham	150	200	2	
Oxshott	0	12	2	Not in Mole Valley District
West Horsley	10	20	NR	Not in Mole Valley District
Cobham	0	<	1	Not in Mole Valley District
Effingham	NR	NR	NR	Not in Mole Valley District
Gt Bookham	0	<	NR	
Ockham	NR	NR		Not in Mole Valley District
Stoke d'Abernon	0	<	1	Not in Mole Valley District
Burial/Ashes life is based on the particular burial rate for each parish.				
NR = No Response				
< = Capacity currently not an issue in excess of 10 years				

### **1.5.2 Randalls Park Crematorium**

Randall's Park Crematorium have 10-15 acres of burial land left although when questioned would not be specific on availability of spaces or land. They undertake approximately 200 burials per year and 2,500 cremations. Assuming these figures are correct and the land is available this equates from between 6000 burials (30 years) – 9000 burials (45 years) based on a burial density of 600 burials per acre.

### **1.5.3 Short Term for Muslim Burial Provision**

Following the initial meeting and further site meetings at Dorking Cemetery MVDC and DMCA agreed on a provision of 18 new double depth grave spaces on plot 42 at Dorking Cemetery, where MVDC is able to orientate the grave towards Mecca in accordance with Muslim faith requirement. This followed the acceptance of the existing Cemetery regulations by DMCA. MVDC has informally agreed with DMCA we would wherever possible accommodate a Muslim burial within 24 hours (in accordance with the faith's requirements) however this is not a guaranteed timescale due to the ability to resource this in terms of administration and grave digging. DMCA have accepted this. MVDC will also be shadowing Muslim burials at other local authorities in order to familiarise ourselves with Muslim burial process.

### **1.5.4 Grant Funding**

Further discussions with Reverend David Eaton suggested that it could be worthwhile for MVDC to offer a grant scheme to Parish Churches to encourage them to seek further burial ground, particularly the rural areas of the district. As with any grant, conditions could be applied.

## **1.6 ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

### **1.6.1 Burial Space Shortage**

Based on the figures submitted from both deaneries, the churches around the district and the availability of space at Dorking Cemetery it becomes clear there is an acute issue with burial ground availability in the following and relatively densely populated population centres:

- Dorking and the Holmwoods
- Bookham & Fetcham
- Leatherhead (excluding Randalls Park Crematorium)

This issue will become critical between 2015 and 2022 if no new ground is sought and the availability of space at Randalls Park Crematorium is discounted. In future years the parishes South of Dorking will also have an issue.

Given the relatively densely built up nature of Dorking and the Holmwoods, Bookham and Fetcham, and Leatherhead, the option to extend ecclesiastical parish churchyards does not exist as it may well do in more rural areas.

Randalls Park Crematorium is available, however, as the Burial Advisory Group has stated it is expensive and considered unaffordable to many.

### **1.6.2 Use of Ecclesiastical Parish Churchyards**

The position over right of burial in an ecclesiastical parish churchyard is that it is the right of people who live in an ecclesiastical parish to be buried in the churchyard of that parish if space is available. That is equally the case whether the deceased was a church attendee or simply a resident not attending.

The incumbent of a parish has discretion and the last say about others who may request burial in the churchyard for which he or she is responsible.

In the experience of the Leatherhead and Dorking Deaneries (Rev David Eaton) an incumbent would only grant access if there is a good reason and connection to the parish for which they have responsibility. Therefore it is not a situation where anyone can buy into a parish in which they do not live and with which they have no specific connection.

Therefore it is unlikely that residents or Bookham, Fetcham, Leatherhead or Dorking would be able to find a burial space in a rural parish to which they have no connection. Parishes are often reluctant to reserve spaces in advance of death and Church Councils are entitled to draw up supplementary regulations about such issues and the maintenance and upkeep of their churchyard.

Churchyard regulations are established by law so it is not a matter of clergy being picky or able to make up their own regulations other than as described above. Consequently there is not the ability to address the acute shortage of burial space through utilising ecclesiastical parish churchyards in rural areas where there may be more space available or the opportunity to obtain more land.

This also is only the analysis of the Christian Faith and does not assess the need of other faiths, for which currently there are no specific provisions in Mole Valley, thus this is only an indication of need.

### **1.6.3 Crematorium**

MVDC has been approached by a commercial crematorium operator (Cemetery Development Services) suggesting that the A25 corridor has the suitable demographics and access and is identified as one of several locations in the UK that is viable for crematorium.

If a crematorium and cemetery were to be built close to the Dorking - Reigate corridor it would reduce journey times for bereaved families, reduce carbon emissions, provide employment, as well as providing burial grounds for all sectors of society as well as a more local place to memorialise the deceased.

If a crematorium were to be included within a proposal for a new burial ground, the economics change significantly and it is likely that a private sector operator would find this an investable opportunity.

The nearest crematoria to Mole Valley are in Leatherhead, Crawley and Guildford. The first two of these are operated by Dignity, the UK's largest private operator of crematoria whilst Guildford is run by Guildford Borough Council

The Cremation Act 1902 dictates that a crematorium may not be built within 200 yards of a dwelling without the owner's express permission or within 50 yards of a public highway. Green belt areas allow cemeteries but crematoria must be able to demonstrate need. In order to ascertain the need locally, it would be necessary to speak with local Funeral Directors and Clergy as well as other potentially interested parties.

Quantitatively, a site of around 15 acres would be ideal and this could be expected to cost up to £500,000. To design, build and bring the site into use would cost around £2,000,000 including all specialist professions and fees. Equipment would be around £750,000 and a contingency of £750,000 brings the cost to around £4,000,000. The site would need to achieve around 1,000 cremations per year to be viable and, again, the demographics can be analysed in detail to assess the viability.

In terms of the business case for the Council, it might be possible for MVDC to be a shareholder in the business. An alternative structure might be for the Council to earn a fee for every cremation and burial carried out, as well as receiving Business Rates which would be payable.

However promoting or investigating this commercial opportunity may not necessarily give the outcome that meets the needs expressed by the Burial Advisory Group and having

two crematoriums within Mole Valley may be seen as excessive and may meet with considerable objection.

#### **1.6.4 Information Gaps and Discussions Required**

The provision of a burial ground and future of such a service is a complex and emotive issue. There are a number of information gaps, and further discussions are required at this stage for the Council to develop a view and make an informed decision as to whether or not cemetery provision is a non statutory service that it wishes to continue to provide.

1.6.4.1 The view of Mole Valley's Faith community and those it represents clearly would like MVDC to find a new burial ground and to continue to provide this service either as a local authority or in partnership with a commercial operator. Although the faith community represents a relatively high number of the district's population, this view is not robustly tested across all residents.

1.6.4.2 If a commercial operator was approached it is likely that they would be seeking a crematorium site as well – a development that may well be difficult to deliver.

1.6.4.3 We do not have robust statistical information on future burial need based on population data and patterns, and, mortality rates. There is the need to fund some consultancy to model this for the district to inform a business case of continuing with this service and providing new burial grounds. This would be in the region of £1500-£3500. This would enable MVDC to accurately identify opportunities for potential sites through promoting the requirement for new burial ground in the local plan.

1.6.4.4 If the Council were to agree that it was a service it wished to continue with in principle there is no guarantee that land would be found or be available to deliver it therefore undermining such a decision. Equally without identified sites it is difficult to establish the business case as whether it is viable as a service MVDC wishes to continue to provide.

1.6.4.5 There maybe significant revenue implications for the Council to consider should it wish to continue to provide this service. This may require consideration of a supplementary charge on the Council Tax collected by MVDC if this is a subsidised service wanted by residents and to meet the view expressed by the group. This charge would need to be calculated and consulted on but for example a subsidy of £50,000 currently works out at £1.22 per property. If this were added to a Band D property this would equate to a current charge of £1506.22 per annum. Dorking Cemetery currently operates on a cost neutral basis and is funded by Council Tax

1.6.4.6 There is merit looking at need on a County wide basis. However delivery would need to be on a local basis enabling residents to have access to a cemetery service in their locality.

1.6.4.7 Currently there is no movement from central government to promote the reuse of graves through the legislative change required and this has been on hold for a number of years. Equally when burial space starts to become a premium will government compel local authorities to make provisions in its plans and services? It is a risk the Council needs to consider.

1.6.4.8 If the Council wanted to CPO land for a burial ground it would have to take legal advice, having not undertaken a CPO of land before for this purpose, which will come at additional cost.

1.6.4.9 The opportunity to identify potential sites will exist through the current land allocations work being undertaken by planning policy. Sites that are refused for housing may provide an opportunity to make an approach for burial ground use.

## **2.0 OPTIONS**

### **2.1.1 Option 1**

MVDC commissions additional work to establish the burial need in the district in future years and requests that land is allocated for this purpose as part of the land allocations process due for completion in 2015. This would be an efficient use of time and resources as screening of sites will be undertaken in regard of housing and it is possible that a suitable site may be identified.

The evidence base provided through the additional work would also provide robust evidence to present to land owners promoting the need for burial space in allocating land.

This option does not commit the Council to continuing to provide the cemetery service but gives the option of enabling the service to be provided either by MVDC or another operator.

It is recommended a budget of £3500 is allocated to this work.

### **2.1.2 Option 2**

MVDC undertakes a Soft Market Testing exercise inviting burial ground/bereavement service operators in relation to and the possible partnering of MVDC, feasibility and establishment of a new burial site in Mole Valley.

The primary aim of this Soft Market Testing exercise is to help the Council judge market conditions, competition, interest in the project, and find out how appealing the project is to the market to partner MVDC.

The secondary aim of this exercise is for officers to proactively understand the market place. It is proposed this work is completed by the end of February 2012 with a report to Executive in April 2013.

If sufficient interest is expressed then the Council can decide whether to undertake a procurement exercise to find a partnering company. A full OJEU tender would be required at this stage and will have resource implications for MVDC. If insufficient interest is expressed by the market place this leaves the Council with the option to include the need for burial ground space in forthcoming Land Allocations process (Option 1).

This option limits the financial risks and resource implications to MVDC. Soft Market Testing is not a procurement process, it is a fact finding exercise and the Council should be under no obligation at any time. This option also does not commit the Council to continuing to provide the cemetery service but gives the option of enabling the service to be provided either by MVDC or another operator.

### **2.1.3 Option 3**

Do nothing and uphold the decision made in 2002 not to seek any further burial land. This would inevitably give a monopoly over the market to Randalls Park Crematorium affecting access to services and value for money for Mole Valley's residents. Equally residents may have to use facilities outside of the district exposing them to non parishioner charges making burial of the deceased even more expensive.

### **2.1.4 Preferred Option**

It is recommended that option 2 is chosen as this limits the financial resource implications to MVDC. It is also a good way to test the viability of new burial ground provision and establishing whether commercial operators would be interested in partnering MVDC with this service. Given the information gaps discussed, this option will allow further information to be obtained in order to establish whether it is a commercially viable non statutory service that MVDC wishes to continue to provide. There is a risk that no operators will come forwards. Also given the availability of land as determined by our LDF and land allocations process this may be seen as prohibitive by commercial operators in taking on this work and finding suitable sites. However option 2 then gives the opportunity to include work in the land allocations process.

### **3.0 CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

**Legal Implications** - The Local Government Act 1972 established local authorities as burial authorities and provides the power for them to provide and maintain cemeteries whether inside or outside their area.

#### **Financial Implications –**

There are many financial implications with the current and any new future cemetery service whether provide by MVDC or in partnership with another operator. By progressing option 2 this gives us the opportunity to establish further information. At this stage it is too early to make accurate budgetary assumptions other than the capital costs detailed in the report as there are too many unknown variables.

The Executive should bear in mind that when Dorking Cemetery is full cemetery income will reduce by approximately 40% as no further exclusive rights of burial will be sold while expenditure will be maintained unless maintenance is downgraded and/or burial and memorial fees increased.

In commissioning future work on the options detailed in this report the Executive needs to recognise this will take significant officer time, and this needs to be balanced against other corporate projects.

The financial implications for Option 2 include tendering costs which are not quantified at this stage and minor in the scheme of things. There is currently no provision for this and it would have to be met from within existing budgets. Other implications in this report indicate a reduction of approximately 40% interment fees equating to an estimated sum of £28,000.

#### **Risk Implications –**

There are many risks that may arise from further work on this project; however it is too early to detail these and the main risk is that no companies submit an expression of interest to partner MVDC.

The principal overriding risk at this stage is reputational, through either not, or, being able to act upon the views submitted by this group having engaged with them to seek their views.

The Council will also need to consider the reputational issues that arise from considering development or allocating land.

**Equalities Implications** – None as any new facility will cater for all faiths including those of no faith. The interim measures for Mole Valleys Muslim community will help to address this faiths needs.

**Employment Issues** - None

**Sustainability Issues** – This report considers the future provision of a burial ground to serve Mole Valley's residents. This is an issue that needs consideration as part of sustainable development within the district.

**Consultation** – This report has been developed through working with the Mole Valley Burial Ground Advisory Group as detailed in this report

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Mole Valley Burial Ground Feasibility Project Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Mole Valley Burial Ground Feasibility Project Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012

