

REPORT

To: COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: OLD MONKLANDS CEMETERY – UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH PATHWORKS	
From: ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is update committee on progress with converting the loose aggregate paths within the cemetery to a tarmacadam surface.

2.0 Background

2.1 A plan was prepared in 2011/12 which identified a priority order for the conversion of footpaths within Old Monklands cemetery from a loose aggregate surface to a tarmacadam surface. This was necessary because the scale of the works involved would require significant funding and therefore could not be delivered quickly.

2.2 This plan was prepared as a result of complaints and representation from members since the loose aggregate surfaces were prone to washout during heavy rainfall. Furthermore in periods of wet weather the paths could become muddy and create a less than desirable experience for the bereaved and visitors to the cemetery.

2.3 In order to improve each length of footpath it was and will continue to be necessary to define a fixed edge. This has and will affect lairs and, in particular, those lairs with various adornments. We have written to lair holders during each phase to advise of the need to remove such adornment and this has led to concern from lair holders. However, all matters have been resolved through various meetings between lair holders and the cemetery manager.

3.0 Financial Position

3.1 Each year of the plan has funded by an allocation of capital monies from an infrastructure funding stream. It has been possible to invest as shown:

2012/13	£54,953.53
2013/14	£59,429.22
2014/15	£64,342.95
2015/16	£10,552.48

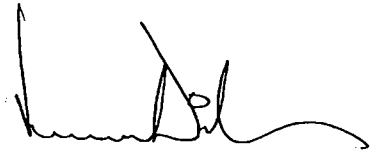
4.0 Current Position

4.1 Unfortunately only approximately £10k could be invested this year due to unexpected cost pressures and competing demands. However, the improvement works will continue but be determined by available funding.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 Committee note progress in improving the footpath network within Old Monklands cemetery.

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