

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE CLERK & TECHNICAL OFFICER
COYCHURCH CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2013

MARGAM CREMATORIUM

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Committee of the implications on the crematorium from the temporary closure of Margam Crematorium

2. Background

2.1 The details of the incident at Margam were reported to the last meeting of the Joint Committee on 6th September 2013 (Minute No. 42 refers).

2.2 Margam is currently closed and will open once new cremators are fitted and commissioned.

3. Current Situation/Proposal

3.1 Margam Crematorium are currently negotiating with contractors and it is unlikely that it will be open before March 2014. Therefore, the demand for cremations at Coychurch Crematorium throughout the winter period will be noticeable increased from the previous year.

3.2 The comparison number of cremations between 2012 and 2013 are indicated below with a projection for forthcoming months:-

	2012/13	2013/14
April	116	151
May	139	125
June	102	103
July	134	143
August	114	144
September	104	158
October	134	178
November	127	180
December	114	180
January	146	186
February	128	168
March	126	126
Annual Total	1484	1850

- 3.3 The annual income projections will be affected by this additional usage and it is anticipated that the income projection for cremations will increase from £880,000 to £1,077,000, an increase from 2012/13 of £197,000.
- 3.3 The Joint Committee will recall that there was a decrease in cremations when the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium was opened in 2010. The increased demand can be accommodated at Coychurch Crematorium and current industry practices will assist in reducing delays to families.
4. **Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**
- 4.1 There is none.
5. **Equalities Impact Assessment**
- 5.1 There is no impact on specific equality groups and disability duties.
6. **Financial Implications**
- 6.1 Any income generated from additional cremations will increase the level of financial reserves
7. **Recommendation:**
- 7.1 The Joint Committee is recommended to note the increased usage at Coychurch Crematorium

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