

**What
Really
Matters?**

Budget Option

Improved Memorial Service

Savings

2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	TOTAL
£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
95	0	0	95

Option summary

This budget option would see the introduction of new memorial ranges within the Council's crematorium and cemeteries. In addition to the new memorial ranges, the option also includes a projected increase in income and a corporate sponsorship of existing flower beds within the cemeteries.

Potential impact

The Bereavement Service provides a burial, cremation and memorial service to both residents and non residents of Wirral with the crematorium in Landican and 9 cemeteries.

The introduction of a new columbarium and memorial urn ranges within Landican Crematorium will provide families with a greater choice of options. The sale of urn ranges has traditionally been left to the Funeral Directors with the crematorium only offering a basic wooden casket. Increasing the ranges available within the crematorium to compete with the funeral directors may cause some displeasure to them.

Reducing the impact

The proposed columbarium is available from the supplier on a pay as we sell option, although this does not lessen the impact of below expected uptake, this does remove the up front purchase costs to the authority.