

2 CEMETERY HEADSTONE SAFETY (AN17-2023)

Reference is made to Article VII of the minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 29th October, 2012, whereby the cemetery headstone inspection and testing programme was introduced. Significant progress has been made in the last few years in both the recording and making safe headstones within cemeteries throughout Dundee.

Headstones are regularly inspected by the staff from Neighbourhood Services. Any stones which require attention and are below 1.5 metres in height are made safe by the staff. However, for headstones over 1.5 metres a specialist Contractor is required to make dangerous headstones safe and carry out restoration works as required.

Further reference is made to Article III of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 27th September 2021 (Report 261-2021 refers) where it was agreed to accept a tender through the Councils Procurement Team and appoint Vermicon to carry out this specialist work. The contract was for a 2 year period with an option to extend by a further 2 years up to a maximum value of £100,000. The Committee is requested to approve this contract extension to the value of £100,000 (£50,000 per annum). The Executive Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that the cost for the above is available through the Capital Plan 2023-28/Design a Modern Council/Cemeteries and can be met from 2023/24 and 2024/25 allowances.