

## **2 CEMETERY HEADSTONE SAFETY (AN40–2020)**

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. However, for headstones over 1.5 metres, a specialist Contractor is required to make dangerous headstones safe and carry out restoration works as required.

Reference is made to Article II of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13th November, 2017 where it was agreed to accept a tender through the Council's Procurement team and appoint Vermicom to carry out this specialist work. The tender was for a two-year period with an optional two years. It is proposed to award Vermicom Ltd a further tranche of work to the maximum value of £50,000 for 2020/21. It is expected the works will be completed by 31st March, 2021.

Committee is requested to approve these works. The Executive Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that the total capital improvements of £50,000 can be met from allowances for Cemeteries in 2020/21 within the Service Provision section of the General Services Capital Plan 2020-25.