



## Information Governance Team

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Dear Sir/Madam

### Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

**Request ID: FOI866488185**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Crematorium Assets, Capacity and Future Capital Investment.

You have requested the following information:

#### 1. Cremation Volumes

**Please provide:**

**Total number of cremations undertaken during each of the last five financial years (or calendar years if more readily available)**

**Current annual cremation capacity (if known)**

| 2025/6 | 2024/5 | 2023/4 | 2022/3 | 2021/2 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2,177  | 2,419  | 2,378  | 2,613  | 2,488  |

#### 2. Cremation Equipment

**For each cremator currently in operation, please provide:**

FTII (x3 ) FTIII (1)

**Manufacturer and model (if available)**

**Year installed or commissioned:** 2011

**Fuel type:** Natural Gas, Electric, Hybrid (Gas/Electric), Other (please specify)  
Gas.

**Whether the cremator is fitted with mercury abatement equipment**

All four are abated.

**Current operational status (active, standby, decommissioned, replacement planned, etc.)**

Active no planned replacement programme as yet.

**3. Capital Investment and Asset Replacement Plans**

Please provide details of:

**Any approved capital expenditure projects relating to the crematorium within the next five years**

None.

**Any planned replacement or refurbishment of cremators**

None other than general maintenance .

**Any feasibility studies, business cases, or options appraisals undertaken relating to: Electric cremators, Hybrid cremators, Decarbonisation initiatives, Energy efficiency upgrades**

We have undertaken a feasibility and options appraisal for decarbonisation of Canley Crematorium in 2022/23. It was determined that an electrified option would only be possible if a new facility was constructed somewhere else as current technology would not fit within the constraints of the existing Crematorium.

Four options were therefore considered as possible routes that the Council could consider when the existing cremators reach end of life (estimated build costs in 2022/23 prices):

Option 1 – Renewed gas cremators at the existing facility with BioGas Supply.

Estimated build cost ~£2.5 3m (plus costs for alternative cremation provision during works).

Estimated works time scale 5-6 months.

Option 2 – Upgrade existing site to electric cremators with additional capacity offsite.

Estimated build cost ~£6.6m (plus some costs for alternative cremation provision during works).

Estimated works time scale 3-4 years including planning.

Option 3 – Wholly new facility utilising electric cremators

Estimated build cost ~£6m.

Estimated works time scale 2-3 years including planning.

Option 4 – A dual site option with fewer electric cremators at a new smaller facility and reduced gas capacity at the existing facility.

Estimated Build Cost - ~£5.5m.

Estimated works time scale 2 3 years including planning.

**Where available, please provide the anticipated project value and expected delivery timescales.**

Not applicable.

**4. Procurement and Delivery Route**

**Please provide details of:**

**The anticipated procurement route for any planned crematorium upgrades or replacement projects, including whether these are expected to be procured through: Open tender, Framework agreement such as RE:FIT 5, Direct award, Existing term contract, Other route (please specify)**

We do not have any current plans to replace or upgrade the cremators.

## **5. Responsible Department**

**Please identify:**

**The department responsible for crematorium operations**

Bereavement Services Director of City Services.

**The department responsible for capital investment and procurement decisions relating to crematorium infrastructure**

Strategic Lead of Environmental Services - (Bereavement services).

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