



## **PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 43/21-22**

### **MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22**

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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision, please refer to:

– Claire Johnson (ext.1154)

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**LIST REFERENCE: 1/43/21-22**

**SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:**

## ACQUISITION OF TOTTENHAM PARK CEMETERY

Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph )	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1 & 2 (Para 3)	Edmonton Green	Leader of the Council	Monday 17 January 2022	None	KD 5368	Martin Rattigan Head of Environmental Protection and Bereavement Services martin.rattigan@enfield.gov.uk 0208 132 0927	Friday 14 January 2022

## DECISION

Agreed, subject to call in:

1. That the Council enter a negotiation phase with the current owner to complete its due diligence with a view to acquiring the cemetery. The question of acquisition has arisen due to longstanding and historic complaints about the mismanagement and poor operation of this private cemetery and alleged practices; older graves disappearing, human remains being found, poor maintenance practices and health and safety issues.
2. The report outlines five options to be considered before we proceed with the acquisition.
3. It is proposed that the decision to acquire the cemetery should negotiations be successful is delegated to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Leader and
  - to negotiate and to acquire, in accordance with the Property Procedural Rules in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance.
  - the decision on whether to continue to offer burials (for reserved plots or otherwise) or to close the cemetery completely to be delegated to the Director of Environment and Operational Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member.
  - the decision on the procurement and expenditure relating to other capital expenditure items (e.g. works to the chapel) is made by the Director for Property and Economy in consultation with the Director of Environment and Operational Services.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Please see the details of options for consideration in paras 58 – 63 of the report.

**REASONS FOR PROPOSAL**

Tottenham Park Cemetery is a private cemetery which falls outside the regulatory control under which Councils operate namely the Local Government Act 1972 and Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977. Over many years, and particularly in recent years, concerns have been raised by the families with deceased buried in the cemetery and by the Tottenham Park Cemetery Action Group about the finding of human remains and alleged re-use of graves. There are also concerns for health and safety of users due to poor maintenance of the cemetery.

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages.