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| **Stage 1: Initial Screening** |
| **Directorate: Economy & Place** |
| **Service: Environmental Management** |
| **Officer completing EIA: Graeme Douglas** |
| **Other officers involved in completing EIA: None** |
| **Date of Assessment: 10/1/25** |
| **Name of policy to be assessed: Middleton Crematorium cremator and chapel future** |
| **Is this a new or revised policy?**New [x]  Revised [ ]  |
| **What is the purpose of the policy?**Middleton Crematoriums sole cremator is over 30 years and in poor condition / dangerous. A decision is needed whether to repair, replace, or remove and re-develop site to increase chapel capacity |
| **Are there any other objectives?**To potentially reduce maintenance costs on fuel and servicing by carrying out all cremations at Rochdale Crematorium |
| **Who is likely to benefit from the policy (key stakeholders)?** Public |
| **Is the policy relevant to equality?**Yes [ ]  No [x]  *(Answer yes if you think that the policy has equality considerations for example it has the potential to affect groups in different ways. If you have answered yes, proceed to question1. If you answered no, move to the sign off section as no further assessment is required)* |
| **What information do you have to inform this initial assessment?***Cabinet report* |
| **What is the potential impact that the policy could have with regard to the protected characteristics?***(Identify whether the policy has the potential to impact in a positive or negative way or not at all. For negative impacts use the impact table to calculate a score based on the likelihood that an impact will occur and what the actual impact might be then determine whether it is a High priority (H), Medium priority (M) or Low priority (L))* |
|  | **Positive Impact**  | **Negative Impact** | **Impact Score (1-25)** | **Impact priority****(H/M/L)** | **Neutral** **Impact** |
| Age |[ ] [ ]  5 | L |[x]
| Disability |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Gender Reassignment  |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Marriage or civil partnership  |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Pregnancy or maternity |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Race  |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Religion or belief |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Sex |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Sexual orientation |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Serving / ex serving members of the armed forces |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| Carers |[ ] [ ]   |  |[x]
| **3. Do any of your negative impact scores identify as high priority on the impact table?**Yes [ ]  No [x] If you identify a negative impact as being **HIGH PRIORITY** you must complete a full EIA (stage 2 onwards) |
| **4. How will you minimise/remove any negative impact that identifies as medium or low?**n/a |
| **5. Is a full EIA required?**Yes [ ]  No [x]  |
| **Lead Officer Signature:** | **Ian Trickett** | **Date: 10/1/25** |
| **Approver Signature** | **Martin Taylor**Martin T_0 | **Date: 10/1/25** |