

**LAND AT CEMETERY ROAD, ST NEOTS
(Report by the Head of Law Property and Governance)**

1. PURPOSE

To seek approval to the formal transfer of land to St Neots Town Council for the cemetery.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 In 1933 four acres of land at Cemetery Road were acquired by the Urban District Council of St Neots for the purpose of a burial ground (plan attached as Appendix A). On local government reorganisation in 1974 the land became vested in Huntingdon (shire) District Council. Subsequently St Neots Town Council (STNTC) became responsible for the cemetery and though the deeds were handed over to STNTC, the land was never formally transferred.

2.2 Part of the land has been developed as a cemetery while the remainder was kept as an informal amenity area. The existing cemetery is nearly full and STNTC now wish to provide the necessary infrastructure and also arrange for the consecration of the additional land.

3. TRANSFER OF LAND

3.1 It is proposed to transfer the freehold of the land required for the cemetery to STNTC on the following terms:

- The consideration to be £1.00
- The land to be used for cemetery purposes only

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications as the land is restricted to cemetery purposes and will continue to be maintained by STNTC. Planning consent is not required for the use of the additional land and a covenant restricting the future use of the land will be imposed.

4.2 There are no risk implications.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The transfer of the land will regularise the position and ensure the land is restricted to cemetery use only.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Cabinet is recommended to approve the transfer of the land on the terms set out in paragraph 3.1 above.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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