

#### **EX49. NATIONAL REPORT ON INFANT CREMATIONS**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services advising of the publication of a national report by the Infant Cremation Commission.

The remit of the Commission had been to “review the current policies, guidance and practice in Scotland in relation to the handling of all recoverable remains (ashes) following the cremation of babies and infants and to make recommendations.”

The report summarised the main findings of the Commission and its recommendations, which included the creation of a National Committee with responsibility for baby and infant cremations and the appointment of an Inspector to monitor working practices and standards. The report also provided an overview of the Council’s practices set against the Commission’s findings and included, as an appendix, a summary of the Council’s position together with necessary actions in regard to each of the Commission’s 64 recommendations.

#### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to note the Council’s position in regard to the findings of the National Commission on Infant Cremation and to agree that no further action is currently required; and**
- (2) to consider further reports on this matter as the work of the National Committee develops.**