EX72. Report of the National Cremation Investigation

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services setting out the findings of the "Report of the National Cremation Investigation" by The Rt. Hon. Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC, published on 17 June 2016.

The report provided details on the events that led to the production of the Report of the National Cremation Investigation, and information on the findings into cremation practices at Falkirk Crematorium. Also provided, were details of the outcome of an ancillary inspection of Falkirk Crematorium carried out by HM Inspector of Crematoria.

The report concluded that the Council's crematorium is well run, and neither the Report of the National Cremation Investigation nor the inspection by HM Inspector of Crematoria Scotland identified any failings in procedures.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) accepted the general recommendations for all crematoria in the "Report of the National Cremation Investigation" by Dame Elish Angiolini as summarised in section 4.2 of the report;
- (2) noted and accepted the six conclusions detailed in the "Report of the National Cremation Investigation" by Dame Elish Angiolini in relation to cremation practices of infants and babies at Falkirk Crematorium in section 4.4 i) to vi) of the report, and
- (3) noted the findings of the first annual HM Inspector of Crematoria Scotland as set out in his recent report of Falkirk Crematorium.