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No	Recommendation	Responsibility	Anticipated Completion Date/ Completion Date	Evidence of Progress 15/02/10	Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4) 15/02/10	Evidence of Progress 28/06/10	Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4) 28/06/10
5	Registration and Bereavement Services review office opening hours to provide, where possible, an improved service to the public.	Jayne Robins	Apr-08	Pilot scheme for all-day Saturday to commence 6 February 2010. Further consultation undertaken with customers during January/February 2010. Findings report to be presented to Head of Service end March 2010.	2 On Track	Review complete (Informal consultation commenced with HR and Unions. Formal consultation to follow, with proposed introduction of all-day opening Saturday, October 2010.)	1 Achieved (Fully)
17	Officers investigate alternative, space efficient ways of interring cremated remains within cemeteries.	Jayne Robins	Apr-10	Alternative aboveground vaults for cremated remains currently being considered as part of the Durham Road remembrance area. (See No. 6 – Phase 2)	2 – On Track	Investigation complete (Recommendation to be linked with Cemeteries 2 – Item 6)	1 Achieved (Fully)
23	The development of a woodland cemetery at Thornaby be considered by the Capital Asset Strategy Group to identify appropriate funding streams and that the extension and creation of a woodland cemetery be undertaken in one single phase to minimise the risk of subsequent phases causing damage to previously	Jayne Robins / Sue Daniels / C&AS Working Group	Sept 2008 April 2009	Thornaby Feasibility Study was updated and a Project Brief developed. Survey revisions are now in progress and are still to be considered by the Capital Group once complete	3 - Slipped	Identification of funding streams continues to be an issue	3 - Slipped

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	completed works.						
24	The identification of further woodland burial sites be supported.	Paul Hutchinson/Gar ry Cummings / Sue Daniels	April 2009 / October 2009	Land identified and findings to be presented to Capital Group and Members for decision.	3 - Slipped	Land in Council ownership has been identified (6 sites), however they vary in suitability for woodland burial. It is expected that woodland burial will be considered / included in the Crematorium follow-up report.	3 - Slipped