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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	That the Council's Cemetery Regulations be revised to allow: - a small second memorial to be fixed at the head of the grave, providing that they are fixed in accordance with NAMM Code of Working Practice and the overall size of the two memorials does not exceed the grave width; - excluding the actual lawn heading, personalisation by appropriate planting of an area at the head of the grave no larger than 25% of the grassed area (i.e. approx 1'9"/ 53cms for lawn/traditional graves and 9"/23cms for graves within the cremated remains and babies garden areas)	Jayne Robins		Rules & Regulations amended to reflect revisions. Revised application forms and associated information leaflets produced. Further consultation taking place during February/March 2010 with Memorial Masons to discuss proposed inspection procedures for newly installed memorials to ensure compliance with NAMM Code and Rules & Regulations.		Cemetery Regulations & associated literature complete. Enforcement issues linked with recommendation 9.	
	(detailed guidance to be drawn up but not allowing any type of edging/ kerbing); - restrictive regulations in respect of the type of memorials permitted within babies' sections be relaxed to allow						

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	greater choice (provided that memorials are within specified size and fixed in accordance with the NAMM Code of Working Practice).						
6	That inscribed commemorative memorial wall plaques and featured remembrance areas be provided by Bereavement Services to allow bereaved families to commemorate the memory of a loved one.	Jayne Robins	Ongoing from April 2008. By April 2010	Meetings held with Welters Organisation Worldwide and The Columbaria Company. Both companies to submit bespoke designs for a remembrance area initially in Durham Road Cemetery.	2 On-Track	Site visits to all Cemeteries have been arranged in order for appropriate locations and designs to be identified for each Cemetery. Following this, designs and costs will be firmed up.	2 – On Track
7	That a programme for removal of kerb surrounds in traditional areas be developed starting first with the oldest graves and those which have damaged or dangerous kerb sets as identified by the inspection programme, following detailed consultation and consideration of all the issues including alternative uses for the old kerb sets.	Jayne Robins/Richard Bradley	a) Dec 2010 b) Apr 2012 c) Apr - Dec 2012	Audit progressing well, with 80% complete.	2 – On Track	Audit 90% complete. CFYA are geared up to start removing unauthorised items from post August 2009 interments.	2 – On Track

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9	That the Council's regulations be enforced in respect of all unauthorised memorials following the extensive publicity	Jayne Robins/Richard Bradley	a) By March 2009. b) From Sept 2008 c) April 2009	Procedure in place for graves interred in after August 2009. Work on-going for management and	1 – Fully Achieved	CFYA are geared up to start removing unauthorised items from post August 2009 interments.	1 – Fully Achieved
	programme and after giving grave owners a period of notice to remove unauthorised items from graves.			enforcement measures for graves interred in prior to August 2009. (Issues addressed at ICCM Conference and Branch meeting to establish good practice – now awaiting guidance to be issued from Professional Institute)	3 - Slipped	Awaiting guidance to be issued from Professional Institute (ICCM)	3 - Slipped