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## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2003

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**EX.187/03    BEREAVEMENT SERVICES BEST VALUE REVIEW - REVISED  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Non-Key Decision)**

**Portfolio**    Environment, Infrastructure and Transport

**Subject Matter**

To consider a reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 17 July 2003 (Minute COS.69/03 refers) -

"That the Executive be made aware of the Committee's concerns regarding the financial implication arising from the need to replace Cremators. It was suggested that if Business Units were allowed to keep a proportion of any additional income they generated in order to invest in services then any additional income arising from Bereavement Services could be added to the Capital Fund which was being established for the replacement of Cremators."

The Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee was present at the meeting and addressed the Executive on the Committee's concerns.

Councillor Bloxham, Environment, Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio Holder, reported that this Business Unit had been allowed to keep excess income for some time. There was no immediate need to replace the cremators but capital expenditure would be required at some stage in the future. The position would be kept under review.

**Summary of options rejected**

None

**DECISION**

That the observations of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted and the position regarding funding for a replacement cremator be kept under review.

**Reasons for Decision**

To respond to the reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.