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### Memorandum for Executive Council

**SUBJECT**

#### **NEW CEMETERY (AMENDMENT) RULES 2020**

Memorandum by the Chairman of the Environment & Natural  
Resources Committee

**ADVICE SOUGHT**

**1. Executive Council is asked to consider and advise whether the New Cemetery (Amendment) Rules, 2020 (Annex A) should be approved and brought into force on the date of publication.**

**BACKGROUND &  
CONSIDERATIONS**

2. The New Cemetery Rules, 1953 were made pursuant to section 4 of the Burial Grounds Ordinance, 1895.
3. In June 2019 a new burial ground at the Dungeon was proclaimed. It was noted that the space allocation for each grave in the New Cemetery Rules, 1953, exceeds the actual requirement, which would result in less effective use of the total space available in the cemetery. The New Cemetery Rules, 1953 permit approximately 1000 plots to be facilitated whereas the proposed change to the size of plots would increase the number of plots that could be accommodated to approximately 2000 plots.
4. The New Cemetery Rules, 1953 states that 'A plot of ground 6 feet 6 inches by 4 feet 6 inches will be reserved for each grave with a space of 2 feet between the graves.
5. It is proposed that the space allocation per grave is 2 feet 5 inches (750 mm) by 7 feet (2150 mm) with a space of 2 feet (600mm) between graves.
6. In order to reflect correct job titles and allocated responsibilities within SHG it is also proposed that the following updates be made to the New Cemetery Rules, 1953
7. Paragraph 2. Replace 'Director of Infrastructure & Utilities' with 'Director of Infrastructure & Transport'.
8. Paragraph 3. Replace 'office of the Director of Police' with 'Post and Customer Services Centre'.
9. Paragraph 4. Replace 'Police Station' with 'Post and Customer Services Centre'.
10. Paragraph 6. Replace 'Superintendent of Work's with 'Chief Engineer'.

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| <b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>                              | <b>11.</b> There are no financial implications from enactment of this legislation.  |
| <b>ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS</b>                               | <b>12.</b> This is a procedural change and therefore there are no economic implications.  |
| <b>CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES</b>       | <b>13.</b> N/A  |
| <b>PUBLIC / SOCIAL IMPACT</b>                              | <b>14.</b> This is a procedural change and therefore there will be no public/ social implications.  |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</b>                                | <b>15.</b> This is a procedural change and therefore there are no environmental implications  |
| <b>PREVIOUS CONSULTATION / COMMITTEE INPUT</b>             | <b>16.</b> This draft legislation was approved by the Committee at a meeting of the Committee held on 14 November 2019.                   |
| <b>PUBLIC REACTION</b>                                     | <b>17.</b> There is likely to be majority public support since the changes would mean that more graves could be accommodated on the site. |
| <b>PUBLICITY</b>   | <b>18.</b> Executive Council's decision will be covered in the media briefing following the meeting.                                      |
| <b>SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>                     | <b>19.</b> N/A.   |
| <b>LINK TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN GOALS</b> | <b>20.</b> N/A  |
| <b>OPEN /CLOSED AGENDA ITEM</b>                            | <b>21.</b> This memorandum is recommended for the Open Session.   |

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