

REPORT TO:	Environment Scrutiny
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SUBJECT:	Burial Provision within Conwy County Borough

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report has been prepared at the request of the Environment Scrutiny Committee to inform Members of the current and future burial provision within the County wide.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The burial situation throughout the Counties 11 cemeteries is laid out. The likely lifespan of each cemetery is indicated, as is the possibility of extending each cemetery when it becomes full.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the committee debate the report.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 The table details the current burial situation in each of our cemeteries., the approximate lifespan of the cemeteries is shown and whether or not there is room for extension of the cemeteries.

The next existing cemetery needing extension is at Cae Melwr, Llanrwst. There is land adjacent which may be used although it is not certain whether or not this land could be bought without recourse to a compulsory purchase order.

An unsuccessful bid for Capital was made in 2007/8 and this bid will be resubmitted in the next bidding round.

Cabinet decided in 1998 to create a local Authority cemetery in Abergele.

It has proved difficult to find suitable land. The position now is that we must proceed with a compulsory purchase order on land identified at St Georges Road when finance has been allocated. An unsuccessful bid for Capital was made in 2007/8 and this bid will be resubmitted in the next bidding round.

Cemetery	Opened	No. of Graves	Average burial / year	Complete grave spaces left	Approx. Lifespan	Room for extension	Comments
Bron-y-Nant, Colwyn Bay	26/09/1903	5430	79	520	12 years new graves	Possible but will lose allotments.	There will be a requirement to provide new allotments.
Llanrhos, Llandudno	08/03/1976	2925	50	839	18 years new graves	Extended 2004 – Room for further extension - may need CPO.	Mostyn Estates helpful in past in identifying land.
Great Orme, Llandudno	08/09/1903	3240	28	5	6 months max then reopen only	No room. New burials will use Llanrhos.	
Llangwstenin	16/07/1937	742	10	73	15 years new graves	Possible adjacent fields May need CPO.	High % of reopens.
St. Agnes, Conwy	08/04/1922	1056	8	reopen only	reopen only	No. New burials will use nearest cemeteries. An informal request has been received form the Town Council to create a new Conwy cemetery. To date no land has been identified.	Report to SET needed if formal request made. Capital and maintenance monies will need to be allocated if this is to proceed.

St.Gwynans, Penmaenmawr	28/03/1892	2050	12	reopen only	reopen only	No	Tan y Foel used for new burials.
Tan-y-Foel, Penmaenmawr	13/01/1989	762	14	429	35 years new graves	Extended 2006 – Room for further extension in Council owned adjacent fields.	Many condemned graves that are suitable for ashes burials only as land very rocky.
Rhandir Hedd, Llanfairfechan	03/03/1936	1161	19	560	27 years for new graves	Yes – council owned adjacent field.	
Erw Feiriol, Llanfairfechan	20/04/1879	1034	7	reopen only	reopen only	No	Rhandir Hedd used for new burials.
Cae Melwr, Llanrwst	02/01/1934	990	26	65	3 years new graves	Possible – May need CPO.	Unsuccessful capital bid made for finance for land acquisition.
Erw Hedd, Betws-y-Coed	17/12/1964	170	3	86	40 years new graves	No	
Abergele	Request made and approved by Cabinet for new cemetery in Abergele. Burial provision there likely to run out in next 12 months. Unsuccessful Capital bid submitted 2007/8 for finance for land acquisition for new cemetery at Abergele. Will resubmit bid for 2008/9 finance.						

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 The Cabinet Member for the Environment has been consulted and has no objections to the report.

6. Links to Corporate Priorities/Plan –

The report has the following link to Independence and Well-being – deliver services based on identified local need; deliver services in partnership; promoting healthy lifestyles; ensure equality of access; access information.

7. DRIVERS AND IMPLICATIONS

Meets best value criteria.

8. REASON (S) FOR RECOMMENDATION (S)

8.1 To understand the situation regarding our burial provision.

9. S.E.T. COMMENTS

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO.
Transport data on costing & suitability		