

<b>Report on</b>	Access at Polepatrick Cemetery and Park
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the updated access arrangements at Polepatrick Cemetery and Park.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Council manages five operational cemeteries across Mid Ulster. Work is concluding on alignment of operational processes and practices. A remaining issue is alignment of Cemetery access for visitors.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	With the exception of Polepatrick Cemetery in Magherafelt, all other operational cemeteries have been accessible at all times. Historically Polepatrick Cemetery and Park was accessible from 8am to Dusk daily (See Appendix 1 for Polepatrick public entrance).
3.2	As a trial pedestrian access was relaxed in January 2019 to provide increased access for people to visit the graves of loved ones. The trial has since been reviewed, and has extended further to permit vehicle access to the car park.
3.3	Following some minor physical access adjustments to prevent unauthorised vehicle access beyond the car park, gates for pedestrian and vehicle access to the cemetery and park now remain open daily.
3.4	The new access arrangements at Polepatrick align access arrangements across the operational cemeteries. The new arrangements at Polepatrick will be monitored closely by council staff.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	<p>Financial: Approximately £1,500 to for installation of removable bollards and amenity furniture to restrict unauthorised vehicle access beyond the car park.</p>
	<p>Human: Resources to open and secure gates daily at the main entrance to Polepatrick is no longer required.</p>
	<p>Risk Management: Vehicle access to the car park is controlled through a vehicle height restrictor; however arrangements will be closely monitored as there is an increased risk of vandalism or damage to Council property as a result of unrestricted daily access.</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	<p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are requested to note the contents of the report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Map of Polepatrick Entrance and Car Park