

**NOTES FROM A MEETING OF
THE EMERGENCY DECISION MAKING GROUP
held on Wednesday 13 August 2025 at 5.30 pm**

Present

M Birks

A Cherry

C Hooper

J Leibrandt

D Mead

L Blake – Town Clerk

C Porter – Operations Manager

1. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor had called a meeting of the Emergency Decision Making Group to discuss a complaint relating to Great Malvern Cemetery and the rules and regulations relating to a request for a burial plot in the children's area of Great Malvern Cemetery.

The background and nature of the complaint was outlined, and a group discussion took place regarding the rules of Great Malvern Cemetery, the issues arising and what action should be taken.

2. OUTCOME

Members of the group discussed the matter thoroughly and it AGREED agreed that the Town Clerk would send a response to [REDACTED] to include the following;

- To express the Council's condolences for their loss
- To outline the current rules and regulations in respect of the interment of a human foetus of less than 24 weeks in a child's grave and how these rules had needed to be clarified from the previous version of the rules.
- To explain that the usual process is for officers to work directly with funeral directors to clarify any specific rules when necessary.
- To agree that the option of purchasing of an adult grave space remains open with any interment cost to be waived.

The meeting finished at 6.05 pm.