

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 24th November, 2020

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14

The following motions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

A) COVID-19 Regulations - Crematorium

(Moved by Councillor Strutton, seconded by Councillor Wright)

“Council notes that the Covid-19 regulations in place limit the number of people allowed to attend crematorium services and funerals are an especially difficult time for residents and their families. Allowing families to carry coffins aids in the grieving process and makes the ordeal easier, rather than the funeral directors carrying out the task; and

Council therefore resolves to -

- Provide clear and up to date information around the rules regarding what is permissible for the ceremony. The current regulations allow the congregation to bear their deceased relative from the hearse into the chapel and placed on the Catafalque, providing those bearing the coffin live in the same household.
- Allow family members to carry the coffin from the car to the trolley with gloves on, and wheel it into the service; as long as family members from the same bubble are wearing the appropriate PPE, and the numbers of people are limited to comply with the current regulations.
- Immediately address the lack of recording facilities in crematoriums and ensure all services are recorded by the Council, so that family and friends can join the funeral virtually.”

B) Commonwealth Veterans

(Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Ajaib)

“This Council recognises the tremendous role Slough residents, including those from Commonwealth countries, have played in our armed forces and the great sacrifices made by all our armed service personnel.

Council therefore calls upon the government to immediately grant the right for commonwealth veterans, who have served a minimum of 4 years, the legal right to remain in the UK and British citizenship for any veteran who completes 12 years service and waive any fees.”