### THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Agenda Item	3
Report No	HC/23/15

### **BURIAL GROUND EXTENSION**

## **Report by Head of Corporate Governance**

## Summary

This report invites the Council to agree to provide for the extension of the existing burial ground at Kilvean Cemetery at Torvean, Inverness.

#### 1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In order to determine whether an extension to any existing burial ground should be provided, the Council is obliged to follow a requisition and special meeting procedure set out in Section 9 of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act 1855. This Report only concerns the process which must be followed under Section 9 of the 1855 Act.
- 1.2 In accordance with Section 9 of the 1855 Act, a requisition has been received, signed by two Members requiring that a special meeting be held to determine whether an extension of 1.5 hectares or thereby to the burial ground at Kilvean Cemetery at Torvean, Inverness (as shown coloured pink and marked "3A" on the attached plan) should be provided.
- **1.3** An extension will be provided in accordance with the 1855 Act if the majority of those Members voting at a special meeting resolve that the proposed extensions to the existing burial grounds are to be provided.
- **1.4** The purchase of the land for the extension of the burial ground at Kilvean Cemetery, Torvean, Inverness was outlined in Report No. FHR/22/14 which was circulated and approved at the Finance, Housing and Resources Committee on 22 January 2014.

### 2 PROPOSALS

At the Transport, Environmental and Community Services Committee on 14 March 2013, Report No. TEC/26/13 was circulated which highlighted that a number of cemeteries were reaching full capacity and it recommended that a 10 year cemetery extension/replacement programme was developed – this was approved. At the Transport, Environmental and Community Services Committee on the 6 February 2014, Report No. TEC/8-14 was circulated which provided members with an update on the cemetery extension/replacement programme and noted that the burial ground at Kilvean Cemetery had 10 years capacity left.

# 3 IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal, equalities, climate change/carbon clever, risk, Gaelic or rural implications arising as a direct result of this report.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

The Council is asked to agree to provide the burial ground extension at Kilvean Cemetery, Torvean, Inverness under Section 9 of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act 1855, as amended.

Signature:

Designation: Head of Corporate Governance

Date:

Background paper: Signed requisition dated [

