DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject	Renewal of 5 year lease of Clifton Road cemetery chapel to the current tenant.	
Officer Requesting Decision	Estates Officer	
Officer Making the Decision	Chief Officer - Leisure and Wellbeing	
Authority for Decision	Delegated authority under paragraph 2.5 (a) of Part 2B of Rugby Borough Council's Constitution – each Chief Officer is authorised to take any action on matters relating to the day-to-day administration of services within their remit including the issuing of all notices, licences, orders and other legal action as appropriate.	
Recommendation	A further 5 year Lease of the cemetery chapel be granted to the Trustees of the Orthodox Community of the Ascension and St Chad, Rugby, being the current tenant, on similar terms to the lease which expires on 6th January 2024, at a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum.	
Alternatives considered and rejected	Termination of the Lease. Would remove a community facility/place of worship. The Council would become liable for the repair and maintenance of this very old building. If left empty, it would quickly fall into disrepair, be prone to vandalism and would eventually lead to demolition.	
Decision	APPROVE	
Reason	The property has been leased to the current tenant for in excess of 20 years. They have been good tenants They have made a number of improvements to the building which the Council would not have been in a position to do. It also meets a need as a place of worship	
Date	14 November 2023	
Background Papers	Officers emails	

Decision record kept until	14 November 2029
Background papers kept until	14 November 2027

Signed	Dated	14 November 2023