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Action from ED&I 6 February 2024	
Agenda Item No:	16
Report Title	Question Time-Buckie Cemetery
Responsible Officer:	Nicola Moss/James Hunter/Paul Wolverson
Information Sought:	Response:
<p>Councillor Warren sought an update on the ongoing water/safety issues at Buckie Cemetery and stated that the ground was so wet that people were sinking into the mud.</p> <p>In response, the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services advised that Officers are aware of the issues at Buckie Cemetery and that signage had recently been installed to warn members of the public about the condition of the ground due to the recent significant rainfall and that time was needed for the water table to naturally drain however engineers had been asked to look at the site and explore options that could help improve conditions which may incur a cost and that this would have to be approved by Council.</p>	<p>Engineers have visited the site and undertaken ground assessments to establish what measures are available to address the water issue on site. The written proposal and quote for the works are still to be received. The extent of the works will be dependent on the affordability and will be reported to ED&I on 18 June 2024.</p> <p>It should be noted that part of the issue is as a result of the high level of rainfall which has been experienced, which has also affected most cemeteries across Moray. In addition, the ground surveys have discovered pockets of clay within the areas most affected by water. This exacerbates the problem as the water cannot naturally soak away so easily when there are extended periods of rainfall.</p>

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