

Report to: Assets and Operations Committee

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Subject: Cemetery Regulations and Fees

1.0 BACKGROUND

During the first month of operating the cemetery, minor variations to the council's regulations and fees have been identified. These have been agreed with the Cemetery working group.

2.0 CEMETERY REGULATIONS

2.1 REMOVAL OF OUT OF SEQUENCE CHARGE

It is proposed that regulation 7.3 be deleted:

New graves are normally prepared in sequence. Where a family wish to select a grave or plot outside this sequence an additional fee is payable.

It had been presumed that Cheshire East Council allocated new graves in sequential order. It transpires that this is not the case and graves have been randomly allocated or selected by families. In line with correcting the charge for the sale of an exclusive right of burial (see section 3, below) it is proposed that this regulation be removed.

It is proposed to amend 10.2 as follows:

Delete:

Cremated remains may be interred in a standard grave. After a grave is full two cremated remains interments may take place.

Once a cremated remains interment has taken place within a grave, no further burials may take place.

As of course, only two cremated remains interments may take place within a standard burial plot. The use of a plot for more than two cremated remains interments must be planned and the interment of cremated remains at a depth of a coffin (as is required to for more than two in a plot) will be subject to the standard interment fee for a coffin.

Replace:



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Cremated remains be interred in a standard grave. After a grave is full, approximately four cremated remains interments may take place, dependent upon the size of caskets.

Once a cremated remains interment has taken place within a grave an exhumation licence will be required for the interment of a coffin.

Following discussion with the ICCM, it has been confirmed that it is acceptable practice to allow coffin burials beneath cremated remains interments, subject to obtaining an exhumation licence. This allows better use of grave space within the cemetery. Experience with cremated remains interments also indicates that a standard grave would accommodate around four cremated remains interments.

3.0 CEMETERY FEES

The following amendments to the council's fee structure are proposed:

Exclusive Right of Burial – Standard Grave	£800	£1,075
Exclusive Right of Burial – Cremation Wall	£250	£250
Exclusive Right of Burial – Cremation Kerb		£250
Sandstone Cremation Kerb		£290
Exhumation Licence Application		£50
Out of Sequence EROB Premium	£200	Deleted
Exhumation		<i>Variable</i>

Cheshire East Council charged £1,075 for an exclusive right of burial; a previously supplied fee scheduled had suggested the fee was £800 which the council had based its pricing on. This brings the fee to the correct level.

The fees for plots on the cremation wall have been separated out (it previously referred to wall/garden) with no change to the fee.

A new charge has been added for plots in the cremation kerb row. In addition, a fee for the kerb itself has been added to ensure that the row retains uniformity. The fee includes the inscription.

A fee has been added for processing exhumation licences and the fee for out of sequence plots has been removed. A line stating that the cost of an exhumation will be variable has been added, this allows for discretion to be applied depending on form/complexity of any exhumation which may arise.



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