

Freedom of Information Request – Cremation & Burials

Date received: 16/12/22

Request and Response:

Crematoria

1 At present, what is the TOTAL crematorium charge (including use of chapel, waiting rooms and attendances, floral decoration, recorded or organ music, scattering/strewing of ashes, medical referee's fee, and environmental surcharge) at each crematorium operated by the council?

We do not have a Council owned Crematorium within our Borough.

2 Does the crematorium fee include an 'environmental charge' associated with the cost of mercury abatement, and if so, how much is this environmental charge?

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3 What was the council's total crematorium charge (as described in Q1):-

- (a) In October 2022
- (b) In October 2021
- (c) In October 2017

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4 Has the council transferred any crematoria to private sector businesses and if so:-

- (a) Please identify the private operator.
- (b) In what year did this take place?
- (c) Has the council restricted the fees which the private operator may charge, and if so what is the restriction?

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Cemeteries

5 How many cemeteries does the council own and operate? - 3

6 How much does the council charge for an adult burial, to include an exclusive right of burial, for the minimum period of use, in a standard lawn grave, and including any interment fee?

Double Depth **£2263)

Including Exclusive Rights of Burial

Single Depth **£1973)

7 What was the charge for the same provision of a grave as described in Q6:-

- (a) In October 2022 –

As above

(b) In October 2021

Double Depth **£2213)

Including Exclusive Rights of Burial

Single Depth **£1931)

(c) In October 2017

Double Depth **£1935)

Including Exclusive Rights of Burial

Single Depth **£1688)

**** These fees are doubled if the deceased was a 'Non-Borough' resident**

8 Are there any private sector cemeteries within the council's boundaries and if so, please identify them and the company which operates them.

None, not applicable

9 Has the council transferred any cemeteries to private sector businesses and if so:-

(a) Please identify the private operator.

(b) In what year did this take place?

(c) Has the council restricted the fees which the private operator may charge, and if so what is the restriction?

None, not applicable

10 Please indicate whether the council has had to restrict or cease burials in its cemeteries because of a lack of capacity and if so, what arrangements are there for burials?

None, not applicable