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POLICY ON THE REVIEW OF CEMETERY FEES

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council seeks to maintain burial facilities which are both cost effective and reasonably affordable.

2.0 Annual review

- 2.1 Within the Council's annual budgetary cycle, its cemetery fees and charges shall be reviewed in a robust manner.
- 2.2 The present fees chargeable are attached to this policy at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The method of review is set out below:

3.0 Method of review

- 3.1 In the first instance, the Council's shall ensure its costs of providing an internment service, together with all associated administration costs shall be recouped within the burial fee.
- 3.2 With all other fees, the amounts charged must always be sufficient to cover any actual costs the Council has incurred in the matter.
- 3.3 Thereafter, cost comparatives with other similar cemeteries shall be used to maintain a broadly similar level of charge provided always that this does not create a charge that the Council feels unreasonable or unsustainable.
- 3.4 Finally, the Council will review its previous financial year's cemetery income against the costs it has incurred in managing and maintaining the cemetery, in order to focus its charging strategy. However, if there is a disparity the Council will not be obligated to change its charging structure if it feels this would be inappropriate.