

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Crematorium Fees – 6 Monthly Review
Committee : Finance & Governance Committee
Date : 30 October 2023
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report requests Council to consider an increase in Crematorium Fees as outlined in this report.

2. Background:

2.1. Salisbury City Council currently review their Crematorium fees on an annual basis. This is conducted as part of the annual budget setting process and fees are agreed in January and implemented in April.

2.2. However, it is now industry standard to review these figures mid-year in October.

3. Proposed Increases to Fees and Charges:

3.1. The Crematorium Manager, monitors the fees and charges across the region, with the current prices for a Full Cremation detailed below:

Location	Price
Bournemouth (Council)	£932.00
Swindon (Council)	£945.00
Southampton (Council)	£987.00
Andover (Commercial)	£990.00
North Wiltshire (Commercial)	£1075.00
Test Valley (Commercial)	£1075.00
West Wiltshire (Commercial)	£1095.00
Basingstoke (Commercial)	£1125.00

3.2. Salisbury City Council's fee for a Full Cremation is currently set at £965.00. It is proposed that this is increased to £985.00.

3.3. This proposal would allow the Council to remain competitive to neighbouring crematorium, whilst increasing revenue for the Council.

4. **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that:

- 4.1. Council agree to the increase in fees as set out in this report.
- 4.2. The increase in fees is implemented with immediate effect.
- 4.3. Fees will be reviewed again as part of budget setting for the new financial year.

5. **Wards Affected:** All

6. **Background Papers:** None

7. **Implications:**

- 7.1. **Financial:** As detailed in this report
- 7.2. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.3. **Environmental Impact:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.4. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report