

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Crematorium & Cemetery Fees & Charges
Committee : Full Council
Date : 2 September 2024
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Agenda Item 13a

1. Report Summary:

- 1.1. It is industry standard to review Crematorium & Cemetery fees and charges on a 6 monthly basis.
- 1.2. The accompanying document to this paper sets out the suggested fees for Salisbury Crematorium & Cemeteries for October 1st 2024 – 31st March 2025.

2. Fees & Charges

- 2.1. The Crematorium & Cemeteries Manager monitors and reviews the fees and charges of other Crematorium & Cemeteries across the region to ensure the proposed fees are fair, robust and commercially sound.
- 2.2. Whilst the accompanying paper outlines all of the proposed changes to the Crematorium & Cemeteries Fees & Charges, one of the key figures to note is the 35 Minute Service as this is the standard service that most families choose and is a key income source for the Council.
- 2.3. The current price of this service at Salisbury Crematorium is £995, meaning only Andover Crematorium has a lower fee. The proposal is for Salisbury Crematorium to raise its 35 Minute Service fee to £1150. As illustrated in the table below, this would still keep our prices competitive with other nearby crematoriums:

Location	Price
Test Valley Crematorium	Monday – Wednesday £1150 Thursday – Friday £1250
West Wiltshire Crematorium	Monday – Wednesday £1190 Thursday – Friday £1290
North Wiltshire Crematorium	Monday – Wednesday £1190 – Thursday – Friday £1290
Southampton Crematorium	£1110
Andover Crematorium	£990
Basingstoke Crematorium	£1230

- 2.4. If all the proposed amendments to the fees and charges are agreed, this will provide an estimated £120k additional income per year.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. It is recommended that the Committee:

- Approve the fees and charges as outlined in the Fees & Charges document that accompanies this paper.

1. **Wards Affected:** All

2. **Background Papers:** Fees & Charges Paper

3. **Implications:**

3.1. **Financial:** As outlined above.

3.2. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report.

3.3. **Environmental Impact:** Nil in relation to this report.

3.4. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report.