

Time started: 1.18pm
Time ended: 1.20pm

Communities and Streetpride Cabinet Member Meeting 23 November 2023

Present: Councillor Dhindsa

In Attendance: Sheena Ratcliffe – Bereavement Services Manager
Doug Walkman – Head of Regulatory Services

01/23 Apologies

There were no apologies.

02/23 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022 were noted.

05/23 Bereavement Services Fees and Charges 2024

The Cabinet Member considered a report which stated that Bereavement Services had carried out their annual review of fees and charges in order to effectively deliver the service and remain competitive in the market whilst remaining sensitive to the needs of Derby residents by providing an affordable bereavement service.

It was reported that the Bereavement Services Memorial Bench Policy had been approved November 2022 and was yet to be fully implemented. It was noted that it was being recommended that the fees remained unchanged from the policy report with the exception of the installation fee. It was proposed that the installation fee should be amended to cover the increase in installation costs since the policy was accepted.

It was reported that in accordance with the provisions of section 214 of and paragraph 24 of schedule 26 to the Local Government Act 1972, Derby City Council was defined as a burial authority and therefore had powers to provide a crematorium and raise fees and charges from the provision of such facilities.

The Cabinet Member noted that the cost of mercury abatement at Markeaton Crematorium was met by an environmental fee of £55 per adult cremation

which was incorporated into the overall cremation fee as seen in the CMA Funeral Directors Price List.

Resolved:

- 1. to note Children's Funeral Fund (CFF) amounts to be claimed from Government from 1st January 2024 as set out at Appendix 2 of the report in line with the conditions of the claim.**
- 2. to approve the Bereavement Services Fees and Charges effective from 1st January 2024 as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.**

MINUTES END