

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013-2014**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

10TH MARCH 2014

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Agenda Item No. 8

**EXECUTIVE RESPONSE –
BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of the response received from the Executive to the recommendation of the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee in relation to Bereavement Services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is Recommended that Members-
- 2.2 Note the response received from the Executive
- 2.3 Receive information on the outcome of the review when available.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Committee meeting on the 2nd December, 2013, the Committee received a detailed report and PowerPoint presentation in respect of Bereavement Services within Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- 3.2 Following consideration of the report the Committee resolved to *'Recommend that Cabinet review the fees and charges for the purchase of a grave to a non resident of RCT.'*
- 3.3 The response of the Executive to the Committee's recommendation is attached as Appendix B.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Item: Response of the Executive

Minute 38c Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee 2nd December, 2013.

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**County Borough Councillor Craig Middle
Cabinet Member for Social Justice**

Our Ref: 140123CM(L)GD

23rd January 2014

Councillor G Davies
Chair, Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee.

Dear Councillor Davies

I am pleased to note that the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee has received a report on the Council's Bereavement Services and carefully considered the key issues facing the service over the coming years.

The committee has recommended that there be a review of the fees and charges for the purchase of a grave by non residents of Rhondda Cynon Taf. The current policy where non residents are charged a double fee has been in place for many years and I would agree with the committee's recommendation that this should now be reviewed.

I have instructed the Service Director for Public Health & Protection to review the fees and charges for Bereavement Services, in particular the non resident fee, and to make recommendations to Cabinet on future charges for the service. I understand that this work is progressing well. The recommendations of the Service Director will be considered as part of the Council's overall proposals for fees and charges for its services from April 2014.

I would like to thank the committee for their consideration and for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Middle', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Craig Middle
Cabinet Member for Social Justice

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