

COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO GAN SWYDDOG
RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

Penderfyniad Allweddol | Key Decision ✓

PWNC | SUBJECT:
Recycling of Metals Following Cremation

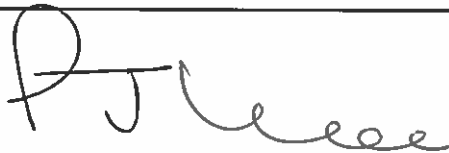
DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD | PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for this Authority to join the ICCM national scheme for recycling of metals following cremation.

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services as described below.

PENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO | DELEGATED DECISION:

That the Council joins the existing national scheme, endorsed by the ICCM with regard to the legal recycling of metals following cremation.



Llofnod y Prif Swyddog
Chief Officer Signature

PAUL JEFF

Enw (priflythrennau)
Name (Print Name)

18.12.18

Dyddiad
Date

Mae'r penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud yn unol ag Adran 15 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 (Swyddogaethau'r Corff Gweithredol) ac yn y cylch gorchwyl sy wedi'i nodi yn Adran 5 o Ran 3 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

YMGYNGHORI | CONSULTATION



**LLOFNOD YR AELOD YMGYNGHOROL O'R CABINET
CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE**

18/12/2018

DYDDIAD | DATE

**LLOFNOD SWYDDOG YMGYNGHOROL
CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE**

DYDDIAD | DATE

RHEOLAU'R WEITHDREFN GALW-I-MEWN | CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYN A HEB FOD YN DESTUN PROSES GALW-I-MEWN GAN Y PWYLLGOR TROSOLWNG A CHRAFFU?:

IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

NAC YDY | NO✓

Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:

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Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - llofnod y Maer/Dirprwy Faer/Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig yn cadarnhau cytundeb fod y penderfyniad arfaethedig yn rhesymol yn yr holl amgylchiadau iddo gael ei drin fel mater brys, yn unol â rheol gweithdrefn trosolwng a chraffu 17.2:

If deemed urgent - signature of Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:

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(Maer | Mayor)

.....
(Dyddiad | Date)

DS - Os yw hwn yn benderfyniad sy'n cael ei ail-ystyried yna does dim modd galw'r penderfyniad i mewn a bydd y penderfyniad yn dod i rym o'r dyddiad mae'r penderfyniad wedi'i lofnodi.

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.

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DYDDIADAU CYHOEDDI A GWEITHREDU | PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

CYHOEDDI | PUBLICATION

Cyhoeddi ar Wefan y Cyngor | Publication on the Councils Website:- 18th December 2018.

DYDDIAD | DATE

GWEITHREDU'R PENDERFYNIAD | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Nodwch: Fydd y penderfyniad hwn ddim yn dod i rym nac yn cael ei weithredu'n llawn nes cyn pen 3 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl ei gyhoeddi. Nod hyn yw ei alluogi i gael ei "Alw i Mewn" yn unol â Rheol 17.1, Rheolau Gweithdrefn Trosolwg a Chraffu.

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Yn amodol ar y drefn "Galw i Mewn", caiff y penderfyniad ei roi ar waith ar / Subject to Call In the implementation date will be

24th December 2018.

DYDDIAD / DATE

WEDI'I GYMERADWYO I'W GYHOEDDI: ✓ | APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓

Rhagor o wybodaeth | Further Information:

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Swydd Designation:	Bereavement Services Manager
Rhif Ffôn Telephone Number:	01443 402810

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

KEY DELEGATED DECISION

12th DECEMBER 2018

RECYCLING OF METALS FOLLOWING CREMATION

REPORT OF DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Author: Janet Lewis, Bereavement Services Manager – Tel: 01443 402810

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval for this Authority to join the ICCM national scheme for recycling of metals following cremation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council becomes a member of the existing national scheme, endorsed by the Institute of Crematorium and Cemetery Management (ICCM) with regard to the legal recycling of metals following cremation.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Recycling of metals following cremation already takes place on the continent on a very wide scale. Schemes exist in Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Denmark and Belgium. The ICCM has sourced a company who they consider to be the only company that is capable of collecting the full range of metals from crematoria and then transferring them to be smelted into metal granules.
- 3.2 Already many crematoria in the UK have joined this scheme and some of our neighbouring crematoria are already members of the ICCM Scheme.
- 3.3 The recycling of metals following cremation will give each participating Authority an opportunity to take part in a scheme that is environmentally friendly, will save valuable land, is legal and is likely to give rise to donations being made to a range of worthy charities. The nominated charities will usually be local related charities but the Authority will also be contributing to national schemes.
- 3.4 Should this Authority become members of this scheme, this will ensure moving forward that all metals currently collected and those collected in the future are dealt with in an appropriate legal manner.

- 3.5 The ICCM Scheme is the preferred scheme and is the only scheme currently available. This Scheme is fully regularised and endorsed by the ICCM and the majority of Crematoria within the UK are participants of this Scheme.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 One company is currently providing a metal recycling service across the continent based in Holland. They have been providing this service through the Dutch Cremation Federation for the past 6 plus years. The ICCM has engaged with this company with a view to utilising their services for Crematoria in the UK, which they have undertaken very successfully. The company is trading in the UK under the name of OrthoMetals.

- 4.2 Currently, metals retrieved following a cremation are retained at the Crematorium until a sufficient quantity exists for the material to be taken into the Crematorium grounds and respectfully buried. Once buried in the grounds these metals will not decompose and will remain in the ground forever. Over time, this will take up more and more valuable space in the Crematorium grounds. The Federation of Burial and Cremation Authorities (FBCA) Code of Cremation Practice until recently did not allow the recycling of metals following cremation. However, the ICCM Guiding Principles have recently been revised and permit the sensitive recycling of metals following cremation.

- 4.3 The FBCA, whilst agreeing with the principle of recycling, indicated their concerns relating to the legality of the process. The ICCM gained legal advice in this respect and this advice clearly indicates, under the proper controls, that metals removed from cremated remains should either be recycled or returned to the applicant for cremation. The ICCM considers it appropriate to obtain the written consent of the applicant for cremation in order to safeguard Authorities. Should this Authority agree to move forward with the recycling of metals following cremation, then written consent will be obtained from the applicant for the cremation, ensuring that our practices are completely transparent.

- 4.3 The ICCM will act as a national agent, working directly with OrthoMetals and co-ordinating the collection of implants from crematoria throughout the country.

- 4.4 Any monies raised from the recycling process will be paid to the ICCM, who will offset the operating costs and supervise the re-distribution of the income to a range of charities in the areas that relate in some way to death and bereavement. There will be no cost to the Authority.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In developing this proposal, an Equality Impact Assessment screening has been undertaken to ensure that:

- i. The Council meets the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duties.
- ii. Due regard has been taken of the likely impact of the decision in terms of equality and discrimination.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Authority will become part of a national scheme consultation in this respect will have been undertaken by the ICCM.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 There are no financial implications to this Authority.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Legal Counsel's advice has been obtained by the ICCM.

9. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 9.1 This will contribute to the following priority in the Council's Corporate Plan– "People – Promoting Independence and Positive Lives for everyone and providing essential Services well". Working in a way that makes the best and most sustainable use of our resources.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 This Authority, becoming members of this nationally recognised scheme, will be acting in the best possible way for the Environment, whilst raising funds for donation to death related charities. The ICCM Scheme is the preferred scheme and is the only scheme currently available. This Scheme is fully regularised and endorsed by the ICCM and the majority of Crematoria within the UK are participants of this Scheme. The nominated charities will usually be local death related charities but the Authority will also be contributing to national schemes.
- 10.2 The process will be open and transparent and written consent from the applicant will be obtained before the cremation with regard to the recycling of metals. All metals will be recycled in line with existing legislation.
- 10.3 Should this Authority become members of this scheme, this will ensure moving forward, that all metals currently collected and those collected in the future are dealt with in an appropriate and legal manner.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

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