

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

DISCUSSION PAPER FOR LLWYDCOED CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMMUNITY  
SERVICES

CREMATION & SUPPLEMENTARY FEES AND CHARGES  
2019-20

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To set the fees & charges for 2019-20, including the annual uplift effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019:

- a) Consider and if appropriate approve the revised levels for cremation and all supplementary fees and charges detailed at section 4.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Cabinet agreed the annual increase to fees and charges for 2019-20. This included an increase to cremation fees of 2.90%.
- 3.2 The Llwydcoed Crematorium Joint Management Committee, at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018, agreed an uplift of 2.95% to cremation fees and other fees and charges for 2018/19.
- 3.3 There is currently a consistent schedule of fees and charges across Llwydcoed and Glyntaff Crematorium. This was applied on the basis that the operational management arrangements across both facilities are the same and the services provided across both facilities are the same. Therefore it would be inequitable to have different fees & charges.
- 3.4 This decision was applied from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and a consistent set of fees and charges has been in place since. To maintain this consistent position the Joint Management Committee will need to consider applying the same increase as that applied by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

#### 4. **PROPOSED FEES & CHARGES FOR 2019/20**

- 4.1 It is proposed that to maintain consistency across both facilities, an increase of 2.90% be applied to all fees and charges. The effect of this increase on the principal fees & charges is presented at Table I below.

**Table I – Principal Fees & Charges**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Existing Fee</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Proposed Fee</b>
Cremation	£690	£20	£710
Purchase of cremated remains plot	£264	£8	£272
Interment in a cremated remains plot	£264	£8	£272

- 4.2 To inform the Committee's decision a comparison has been undertaken of existing fees and charges applied at other Crematoria. Table II presents a comparison of existing fees and charges.

**Table II – Existing Cremation Fees 2018/19**

<b>Crematorium</b>	<b>Current cremation fee</b>	<b>Current purchase of plot fee</b>	<b>Current interment in plot fee</b>
Bridgend	£662.20	£251.70	£122.20
Cardiff	£560.00	£305.00	£255.00
Margam	£605.00	£302**	£276**
Gwent	£684.00	£356*	£290*
Glyntaff/Llwydcoed	£690.00	£264.00	£264.00

\*Torfaen County Borough Council

\*\* Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

- 4.3 The proposed increase of 2.90% will add £20 to the existing cremation fee of £690, increasing it to £710. At the time of writing, it was not possible to ascertain what fee increases for 2019-20 are proposed by other local authorities across Wales and a verbal update will be provided at the meeting. The proposed fee increase of 2.9% proposed in this report are considered reasonable.
- 4.5 The effect of the proposed increase on supplementary fees and charges is presented at Table III.

**Table III – Supplementary Fees**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Existing Fee</b>	<b>Proposed Fee</b>
Dedication of rosebush and plaque for 10 year period	£186	£191
Exhumation of cremated remains	£245	£252
Additional Chapel slot	£118	£121
Book of Rem. 2 line	£75	£77
Book of Rem. 5 line	£111	£114
Book of Rem. 8 line	£148	£152
Floral emblem and crest	£118	£121
Rededication of rosebush for 10 year period	£156	£161

**5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The harmonisation of operational and management practices across Llwydcoed Crematorium and the Council's Bereavement Services has established a consistent schedule of fees and charges. This was achieved in 2014/15 by applying the proposed annual uplift consistently to both services and by harmonising supplementary fees.
- 5.2 To maintain this position it is proposed that an increase be applied to fees and charges at Llwydcoed that is consistent with the uplift to Bereavement Services fees and charges being applied by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.