
RECORD OF DECISION BY CABINET MEMBER

Decision taken by:

Lead Member for Housing and Communities

Date of Decision:

24 August 2021

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REVISED REGULATIONS AND FEES FOR DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CEMETERIES

To increase burial fees to bring Denbighshire's fees in line with neighbouring authorities, and to amend the Cemetery Regulations so that the Denbighshire resident rates should be charged if the deceased had been living outside Denbighshire for less than 2 years before their death for healthcare or social care purposes.

Purpose of Decision:

This decision is about a fee increase for all council controlled cemeteries to bring costs in line with neighbouring authorities, and also to introduce a new clause in the cemetery regulations to ensure that the families of Denbighshire residents are not penalised (by paying double fees) if a family member had to move outside of the county within the last two years of their life for healthcare or social care reasons

Reasons for Decision:

The council's burial fees need to be reviewed to bring them in line with neighbouring authorities. It is important to ensure that Denbighshire's burial rates are comparable to those of neighbouring authorities in order to maintain income at a reasonable level. Also, most other councils in North Wales have a clause on their regulations which provides an exception from the general rule that non-residents are charged double cemetery fees. We believe it is correct to introduce a similar exception where a resident has had to move outside of the county for healthcare or social care purposes less than 2 years prior to their death.

Interests Declared:

No interest to declare.

Consultation:

The principal of keeping DCC cemetery fees in line with those of other Local Authorities in North Wales was supported by Communities Scrutiny Committee, who were consulted on the proposals on 12th July 2018. The papers and minutes can be found via the following link:

<https://moderngov.denbighshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=271&MId=5550&LLL=0>

Authority for delegation of the decision to the Cabinet Member:

See Scheme of Delegation.