

Committee: Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery Board

Date: 25 June 2019

Wards: All

Subject: Item to Note – Comparative Information on Fees and Charges

Lead officer: Doug Napier

Lead member: Chair of MSJCB

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Recommendations:

- A. The Board Note the comparative Fees and Charges information requested at the meeting on 26 February 2019.
 - B. The Board approves Recommendation 6, carried over from Agenda Item 4 on 26 February 2019 - That Merton Council be asked to consider price increases of up to 2.5% for 2019/20 for burial services
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. To present the Board with comparative price information for the burial fees at other local cemeteries

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Agenda Item 4 of the MSJCB 26 February 2019 – Budget Monitoring 2018/19 and Revenue Estimates 2019/20 contained a Recommendation 6 as follows:

6. That Merton Council be asked to consider price increases of up to 2.5% for 2019/20 for burial services

- 2.2. Members of the Board asked if they could receive comparative information for the other local Cemeteries before deciding on this recommendation
- 2.3. Members are asked to note that it is not in their power to set the fees – this lies with Merton Council

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. Current forecast information includes no provision for a price increase

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. Price increases for customers are driven by the contractual arrangements with Merton Council.
- 4.2. MSJCB and LBM have always synchronised their prices

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. None for the purposes of this report

- 6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**
- 6.1. Current forecast information includes no provision for a price increase. No price increase has been activated since 1 April 2016
- 7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**
- 7.1. None for the purposes of this report
- 8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**
- 8.1. None for the purposes of this report
- 9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**
- 9.1. None for the purposes of this report
- 10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**
- 10.1. None for the purposes of this report
- 11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**
- Comparative information on Fees and Charges 2019/20
- 12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**
- 12.1. Agenda Item 4 MSJCB Agenda 26 February 2019
- 12.2. Minutes of Meeting 26 February 2019 (part of this agenda)