



CABINET – 27TH JULY 2016

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW FEE STRUCTURE FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 1.1 The report (attached as Appendix A) which was presented to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 28th June 2016, sought Members' views on the introduction of a new scale of charges for additional service provision across the Community and Leisure Services division, prior to its presentation to Cabinet for approval.
- 1.2 The report set out new fee structures for additional services provided across the Parks and Bereavement Service and Fleet Management. The report proposed that new pre-cast burial vaults for the interment of cremated remains at Bedwellty and Rhymney Cemeteries be offered for sale for a period of 50 years at an initial cost of £1498.00 per unit. The report also proposed that Class 5 (minibus) MOT tests be offered by Fleet Management at a cost of £50.00 per vehicle. These proposed charges for additional services will ensure the division has the adequate resources to deliver services and meet specific priorities in light of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.
- 1.3 During the course of the ensuing debate, Members sought clarification on the £505.00 interment fee for the interment of cremated remains in re-opened graves, together with the 50-year period for the Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial. It was agreed that a further information report on these matters would be circulated to Scrutiny Committee following the meeting, which would seek the comments of Members prior to the proposals for the new charges being presented to Cabinet. This information report (attached at Appendix B) was subsequently circulated to the Scrutiny Committee by e-mail but one of the Members has requested that Officers bring forward a review report relating to the charges for interment of cremated remains in plots where an initial interment has been carried out (i.e. interment of cremated remains in re-opened plots). However, this report and subsequent debate has no effect on the fees relating to the sale of new cremated remains vaults.
- 1.4 Following consideration and discussion of the report, Members unanimously recommended to Cabinet that for the reasons contained therein, the proposed new charges for additional services as detailed in the report presented on 28th June 2016 be endorsed.
- 1.5 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:

Appendix A Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 28th June 2016 – Agenda Item 9

Appendix B Further Information Report to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee – Proposed New Fee Structure for Additional Services