

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET28 March 2024Report by Director of EnvironmentAMENDMENT TO CHARGING FOR SERVICES 2024-25**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet of an administrative error which occurred during the charging for services review process 2024/25 in relation to Burial Ground Services and seeks approval of the amended fees and charges for this service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Cabinet is asked to approve the amended list of 2024/25 fees and charges relating to Burial Ground Services at Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND AND REPORT

3. The Environment Department presented the annual review of fees and charges paper to Cabinet 14 December 2023 for approval. It has subsequently been noticed that the Council's recommended 4.4 % rise for Burial Ground Service was applied to an incorrect version of 2023/24 fees and charges.

4. To rectify this administrative error a secondary exercise using the correct figures has been undertaken and the outcome of this is noted within Appendix 1.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

5. Application of the incorrect fees and charges would have a detrimental impact on income projections for year 2024/25. Should the fees and charges not be rectified on the proposed basis, the service will be challenged to meet its related overall savings proposal.

CONSULTATION

6. Benchmarking was carried out to compare costs of services provided by other Councils and the private sector.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

7. There are no immediate impacts on staffing, equalities, property, health & safety, IT and subsidy-control relating to this report. An equality impact screening assessment was carried out and there were no equality implications in relation to any of the proposed charges.

CONCLUSIONS

9. An error was identified related to charges for Burial Ground Services as presented to Cabinet on 14 December 2023. This paper seeks to rectify the charges by applying the 4.4% increase to the correct 2023/34 fees structure, shown in Appendix 1.

10. The Environment Department will review its internal processes relating to fees and charges setting to ensure that such administrative errors do not occur in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. Cabinet is asked to approve the amended list of 2024/25 fees and charges relating to Burial Ground Services at Appendix 1.

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* Burial Ground Charges - Internments Mondays - Fridays - Residents	Neighbourhood Services	£1,245.00		£1,299.80	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Internments Mondays - Fridays - Non-Residents	Neighbourhood Services	£2,819.38		£2,943.45	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Internments - Saturdays/Sundays/ Public Holidays - Residents	Neighbourhood Services	£2,160.25		£2,255.30	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Internments - Saturdays/Sundays/ Public Holidays - Non-Residents	Neighbourhood Services	£3,414.38		£3,564.60	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Internments in Hebrew Cemetery- Mondays - Fridays - Residents	Neighbourhood Services	£1,153.38		£1,204.15	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Internments in Hebrew Cemetery- Mondays - Fridays - Non-Residents	Neighbourhood Services	£2,544.75		£2,657.70	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
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Burial Ground Charges - Cremated Remains - Mondays - Fridays - Resident	Neighbourhood Services	£375.31		£391.80	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Cremated Remains - Mondays - Fridays - Non-Resident	Neighbourhood Services	£833.00		£869.70	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Cremated Remains - Saturdays/Sundays/Public Holidays - Resident	Neighbourhood Services	£787.25		£821.90	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Cremated Remains - Saturdays/Sundays/Public Holidays - Non-Resident	Neighbourhood Services	£1,336.43		£1,395.25	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - New Lair Coffin - Resident	Neighbourhood Services	£1,391.37		£1,452.60	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - New Lair Coffin - Non-Resident	Neighbourhood Services	£3,194.62		£3,335.20	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - New Lair Cremated Remains (Neilston Only) - Resident	Neighbourhood Services	£805.56		£841.00	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - New Lair Cremated Remains (Neilston Only) - Non-Resident	Neighbourhood Services	£1,720.87		£1,796.60	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Misc. - Feasibility Certificate	Neighbourhood Services	£320.38		£334.50	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services

Burial Ground Charges - Misc. - Exhumation Coffin	Neighbourhood Services	£2,910.88		£3,039.00	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Misc. - Exhumation Cremated Remains	Neighbourhood Services	£640.75		£668.90	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Misc. - Lair Certificate	Neighbourhood Services	£37.38		£39.00	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Misc. - Duplicate Certificate	Neighbourhood Services	£74.75		£78.05	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Misc. - Transfer of Title	Neighbourhood Services	£78.56		£82.00	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Misc. - Search Fee	Neighbourhood Services	£149.50		£156.10	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
Burial Ground Charges - Misc. - Memorial Foundation	Neighbourhood Services	£170.88		£178.40	Increased by 4.4 %	i/b	Cost Partially Covered	Not Available	In line with Council Policy it is recommended that there should be a 4.4% increase in 2024/25 charges to reflect inflationary rate increase and to support delivery of Council services
<p>* Note on Burial Ground Charges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be no charge for the burial of children under 18. Double Interment, second and subsequent coffins or cremated remains 50% of appropriate fee. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where a coffin size is beyond a permitted size (length or width), this may require the need to purchase an adjacent lair. The requirement and price for this will be confirmed on application. The agreed fees and charges will be applied to the applicant's address (Lair owner) when purchasing the lair and an interment will be based on the deceased address 					

- When a deceased person residing out-with East Renfrewshire has previously resided within the Council area for a minimum of 50 years the surcharge for burial of a non-resident will not be applied.