

## **REVIEW OF CEMETERY CHARGES 2021/22**

### **Item CH 20/27 referred from Communities and Housing Advisory Board of 10 November 2020**

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services and the Director of Finance and Transformation setting out charging proposals for 2021/22 regarding Tonbridge Cemetery. Details of the proposed charges were set out at Annex 2 to the report. A comparison with other Kent district councils' charges was provided and it was anticipated that the proposals would generate additional net income of approximately £700.

A number of Members expressed concern that the low level of income in comparison to expenditure meant that Tonbridge Cemetery was, effectively, being subsidised and suggested that a strategic and comprehensive review of the charges should be undertaken. It was hoped that, as the facility became more self-sustained, the burden on the general tax-payer could be reduced in the longer term.

**RECOMMENDED:** That Cabinet be asked to consider whether the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should undertake a broad, strategic review of the charges applied at Tonbridge Cemetery.

**\*Referred to Cabinet**

