

REVIEW OF CEMETERY CHARGES

Item CH 21/34 referred from Communities and Housing Advisory Board of 9 November 2021

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services and the Director of Finance and Transformation regarding a strategic approach to the review and implementation of charges applied at Tonbridge Cemetery. A list of existing charges for the cemetery compared where possible with charges applied by other Kent councils were set out at Annex 2 to the report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) the approach to pass the increase in material costs directly on to the purchasers to ensure the subsidy currently provided did not increase, be agreed; and
- 2) Option 3, to apply a one-off increase to eliminate the entire subsidy and allow fees and charges to cover the full management and maintenance costs of the Cemetery site, which would need an 89% increase to be applied across all charges based on the 2021/22 Original Estimates, be agreed.

***Referred to Cabinet**