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Meeting	Cabinet Resources Committee
Date	10 November 2005
Subject	Fees & Charges for Environmental Services 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2006
Report of	Cabinet Members for Resources and Environment and Transport
Summary	To approve increases in Fees & Charges for Hendon Cemetery & Crematorium

Officer Contributors	Ray Philips, Assistant Head of Environmental Services Andy Milne, Environmental Services Manager Kate Solomon, Care & Repair Manager Kathy May, Assistant Head of Environmental Services
Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	Borough wide
Enclosures	List of proposed charges
For decision by	Cabinet Resources Committee
Function of	Executive
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in (if appropriate)	Not Applicable

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the fees and charges detailed in the enclosure with this report be approved to take effect from 1 January 2006.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Cabinet Resources Committee 23 September 2004 Decision no. 6 that increases in fees and charges above the rate assumed in the Financial Forward Plan be approved by Cabinet Resources Committee.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 Failure to increase fees and charges adequately will create pressures on other Council budgets. This needs to be balanced against potential for customers to go elsewhere for these services. However, comparison of the main cremation price increase with other providers shows the charges would still be competitive.

5. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The impact of increased fees and charges will be taken into account in the 2005/2006 revenue monitoring and the 2006/2007 forward plan process.

6. LEGAL ISSUES

- 6.1 None.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 7.1 Constitution, Part 3 - Responsibility for Functions, Section 3 - Powers of the Executive, paragraph 3.6 - terms of reference of the Cabinet Resources Committee.

8 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 8.1 This report sets out proposed fees and charges to be applied to Hendon Cemetery & Crematorium functions from 1st January 2006. Individual increases vary between 2.5% and just under 35%, (in the latter case for weekend cremation service), with the increase for the majority of fees being less than 5%. In setting the new charges, regard has been made to changes at competing facilities and the need to sustain business at Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium.

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 None.

BS: RAB

BT: PA

**FEES AND CHARGES REVIEW 2006/2007
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Service and Category	Current Charge 2005/2006	VAT applicable Y/N	Proposed Gross Charge Effective from 1 January 2006 (include 17.5% current VAT rate where applicable)	Notes
	£		£	

HENDON CEMETERY & CREMATORIUM

A. Burials for LBB Residents:

Class 'A' 7'6" x 3' 6"	£3,100	N	£3,300	
Class 'B' 6'6" x 2' 6"	£1,400	N	£1,500	
Additional charge for Mausoleum spaces	£400	N	£450	
Half size grave for burial of children under 3 years of age.				
Class 'A'	£1,400	N	£1,500	
Class 'B'	£606	N	£660	
Grave digging only charge				
Single depth	£370	N	£400	
Double depth	£480	N	£500	
Additional charge per Weekend Burial.	£130	N	£150	

Excavation and Interment Fees (all classes of private interments)

Persons over 10 years of age	£370	N	£400	
Children under 10 years of age including those still born	£240	N	£250	
Additional charge for any depth in excess of 6 feet	£110	N	£120	
Interment of cremated remains	£190	N	£200	
Common Interments:- Persons over 10 years of age	£170	N	£180	
Children under 10 years of age	£60	N	£65	
Stillborn children	£40	N	£45	

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B. Burials for Non-LBB Residents:				
Class 'A' 9' x 4'	£5,300	N	£6,000	
Class 'B' 6'6" x 2' 6"	£2,400	N	£2,700	
Half size grave for burial of children under 3 years of age.				
Class 'A'	£2,670	N	£2,900	
Class 'B'	£1,210	N	£1,350	
Excavation and Interment Fees (all classes of private interments)				
Persons over 10 years of age	£770	N	£850	
Children under 10 years of age including those still born	£485	N	£505	
Additional charge for any depth in excess of 6 feet	£220	N	£250	
Common Interments :				
Persons over 10 years of age	£340	N	£350	
Children under 10 years of age	£120	N	£125	
Stillborn children	£70	N	£75	
C. General Fees				
Interment of Casket	£150	N	£180	
Removing and replacing Memorials for the purpose of enabling further interment	£170	N	£190	
Erecting new monuments, grave stones and tablets for the right to erect or place on private graves (including first inscription)				
a. Headstone with kerbs	£200	N	£205	
b. Headstone only	£150	N	£155	
c. Conversion of existing Headstone to include kerbs	£60	N	£65	
d. In the form of a Vase,	£50	N	£55	
e. Renovation or additional inscription	£50	N	£55	
For the right to erect, or place a memorial on a common grave	£90	N	£95	
Fee for Organ Music and Services of Organist	£30	N	£35	