

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Name of Officer: Trevor Kennett, Head of Operational Services

Directorate: Operational Services

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jason Savage, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Operational Services

Date of Decision 17 January 2019

Subject of decision: Children's burial & cremation & direct cremation fees

Call-in Deadline: N/A

Decision made:

To amend the decision made on item 13. Fees and Charges of the Council on 6 December 2018.

At the meeting of the full Council on the 6 December 2018 it was agreed that "Council approve the Fees and Charges as listed in Annex 1 of the report, subject to the removal of cremation fees for those up and including 17 years of age".

1. After the word cremation to add 'and burials'.
2. To introduce a direct cremation service fee of £425.00.

This service will be added to the Council published fees and charges for 2019/20.

Reasons for the Decision:

Under the Equalities Act 2010, which simplifies, strengthens and harmonises the current legislation to provide protection for individuals from unfair treatment and promotes a fair and more equal society.

The inclusion of free cremations only would discriminate against individuals with protected characteristics who for religious beliefs only use burial services.

Alternative options considered and why they were rejected when the decision was made:

There are no alternative options.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted by the officer making the decision and of any dispensation granted to that executive Member by the Head of Paid Service:

None

Please attach any report considered when making the decision (if applicable):