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MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



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MARGAM CREMATORIUM

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MEETING OF THE MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2023 2.15 pm

ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES TO BE SWITCHED TO SILENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING

PART 1

- 1. Declarations of Interest
- 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 3 4)
- 3. Forward Work Programme (Pages 5 6)
- 4. Cremation Figures for July 2022 December 2022 (Pages 7 8)
- 5. Annual Budget Report 2023/24 (Pages 9 22)

6. Urgent Items
Any urgent items at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972

Civic Centre PORT TALBOT

9 February 2023

Joint Committee Membership:

Representing Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:

Councillors: W.Carpenter, A.Dacey, R.G.Jones, S.Jones and E.V.Latham

Representing Bridgend County Borough Council

Councillors: P.Davies and M.Kearn

MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

(Acting with Plenary Powers)

Members Present: 2 December 2022

Representing Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:

Councillors W.Carpenter, A.Dacey, R.G.Jones

and E.V.Latham

Representing Bridgend County Council:

Councillors P.Davies

Officers in Attendance:

C.Griffiths, S.Brennan, C.Langdon and H.Jones

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were noted.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

4. MARGAM CREMATORIUM FEES AND CHARGES 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024

Officers gave an update with the fees and charges 2022/23 and 2023/24, as detailed in the circulated report.

RESOLVED: That the Fee and Charges 2022/23 and 2023/24, be approved.

5. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME WORKSHOP

That Members note the date of the Capital Works Programme Workshop (20th Jan 2023), and a site visit to Margam Crem has been arranged for 10th Jan 2023, 2.00pm.

6. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were none.

CHAIRPERSON

Agenda Item 3

Margam Crematorium Joint Committee Forward Work Programme

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Туре	Contact Officer
3 March 2023	Crematorium Service Plan 2023/2024	Decision	Craig Griffiths
	Staffing Update / Cremation Qualifications	Information	Clive Phillips
	Compliments and Complaints 2022/2023	Information	Craig Griffiths

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Туре	Contact Officer
26 th May	Annual Meeting	Decision	Craig Griffiths
2023	ICCM Scheme	Decision	Clive Phillips
	Outturn Report and Annual Return	Decision	Huw Jones



MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

Report of the Superintendent – Mr Clive Phillips 17th February 2023

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

<u>Cremation Figures for July 2022 – December 2022</u>

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide members with a monthly comparison of cremations undertaken from July 2022 to December 2022

Background

2. Members will note from the attached chart a comparison on a monthly basis of all cremations that have been undertaken since the July 2022 to December 2022, with a comparison against the figures for 20210:

MONTH / YEAR	NVF / Stillborn	Under 18	18 & Over	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2022	YEAR
Jul-21	1		104	105		2021
Jul-22	1		86		87	2022
Aug-21	3		101	104		2021
Aug-22	1		129		130	2022
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Sep-21			113	113		2021
Sep-22	2		111		113	2022
Oct-21	1		123	124		2021
Oct-22	2	1	130		133	2022
Nov-21	1		129	130		2021
Nov-22	2		145		147	2022
Dec-21	2		120	122		2021
Dec-22	2		142		144	2022

3. Margam Crematorium were able to offer a respectful service to those suffering bereavement and to meet the needs of the public.

Integrated Impact Assessment

4. There is no requirement for an integrated impact assessment for this report as it is for information purposes only

Financial Impact

5. No impact

Workforce Impact

6. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report

Legal Impact

7. There are no legal impacts associated with this report

Consultation

8. There is no requirement of external consultation for this item

Recommendations

9. That members note the monthly comparison of cremations undertaken from July 2022 to December 2022

Appendices

10. None.

Officer Contact

Mr Clive Phillips

Superintendent Registrar

MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

17th February 2023

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - HUW JONES

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

Annual Budget Report 2023/24

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to set out the Margam Crematorium Joint Committee revised budget for 2022/23 and the budget estimates for 2023/24.

2. Revised budget

- 2.1 The revised budget position for 2022/23 shows a net surplus for transfer to the General Reserve (after £100,000 contribution to the cremator reserve and £100,000 payment to contributing authorities) of £19,270, which was predicted to be a surplus of £48,550 when the original budget was agreed.
- 2.2 The revised budget takes account of the following anticipated changes.

Expenditure

Salaries and Wages (+£31,350)

Following a management of change exercise a new Grade 6 post was created and a Grade 5 post was deleted. The pay award was higher than anticipated when the budget was originally set.

Grounds Maintenance (+£22,210)

There has been a requirement for some additional grounds maintenance work to be completed at the Crematorium during the financial year, the budget has been updated to reflect the additional cost. The grounds maintenance contract has also been increased to allow for 2 additional days of works through the winter months.

Building Maintenance (+£4,390)

There was an increase in repair and maintenance work at the Crematorium, the budget has been increased to reflect this.

Maintenance Cremators (+£4,450)

The budget has been increased to allow for additional maintenance costs incurred this financial year.

Gas (+£9,650)

The budget has been increased to reflect the increased gas expenditure that will be incurred this financial year.

Printing & Stationery (-£2,290)

There has been a decrease in the anticipated printing & stationery expenditure this financial year.

Urns & Caskets (+£1,920)

Urns & Caskets expenditure has increased this financial year, this is also reflected in an increase in the anticipated income.

Book of Remembrance (-£700)

Book of Remembrance expenditure has decreased this financial year in comparison with previous financial years, this is also reflected in a decrease in the anticipated income.

Medical referees (-£820)

Medical referee expenditure has been lower than expected this financial year.

Memorials & benches (+£1,570)

Memorials expenditure has increased as additional memorials and benches have been ordered to meet demand; this is also reflected in an increase in the income for memorials.

Capital Works

A sum of £100,000 has been provided in 2022/23 represented by:

	Amount £
Organ replacement Other capital works & contingency	22,000 78,000
Total	100,000

General Reserve

It is projected that a contribution of £19,270 will be made to the General Reserve, thus increasing the projected balance of the reserve to £891,049 as at 31st March 2023. This sum will be updated at year end once any variation in the net expenditure is confirmed.

Cremator Reserve

The cremator reserve has been established to replace the cremators once they become obsolete. Maintaining this reserve with a contribution of £100,000 per annum will ensure the Crematorium has sufficient long term funds to finance the replacement project.

Refund to Constituent Authorities

The budget includes a refund to the Constituent authorities of £100,000 from surplus funds, apportioned on the council tax basis of each Authority.

Revised Income 2022/23

Income from Services

The Revised Budget has been prepared on the same basis as the original budget for this year. The number of cremation services has been retained at 1,500 thus there is no change to the projected total cremation fee income of £919,330.

Book of Remembrance (+£3,100)

Book of Remembrance income has decreased this financial year in comparison with previous financial years, the budget has been updated to reflect this.

Memorial Income (-£3,000)

The income for memorials is difficult to predict. However, the income to date has increased and this is also reflected in an increase in the expenditure.

Miscellaneous Income (£-5,000)

Income for certificates of cremation, extra time in chapel and witness burials have increased this financial year, resulting in an increase of the miscellaneous income which was included in the 2022/23 original budget.

Investment Income (£-33,500)

Interest rates have increased significantly throughout this financial year resulting in a larger sum of interest due on the reserve balances than anticipated in the original budget.

CAMEO

The Crematoria Abatement of Mercury Emissions organisation (CAMEO) provides a Burden sharing scheme, charging crematoria that have not installed abatement equipment an environmental surcharge. This fee, net of administrative charges, is then redistributed to the other crematoria that have installed abatement equipment.

This sum is in relation to the net surplus tradeable mercury abated cremations for the calendar year 2022. In future years the sum received will reduce as more crematoria introduce appropriate crematorium equipment and choose to abate. We have updated the revised budget to reflect the payment of £3,800 that has been received this financial year.

Appendix 1 contains details of the Original and Revised estimates for 2022/23, together with the Estimate for 2023/24.

3. Budget 2023/24

- 3.1 The budget has been prepared based on 1,500 cremations during the financial year. Total expenditure is projected at £1,094,730, with income of £1,077,360 and a precept of £1,000.
- 3.2 The majority of the budget has been increased by 5% and energy by 50%. The following are the main variations from the 2022/23 Revised Budget:

Salaries (+£33,450)

An increase of 4% has been built into the budget together with the annual increments, where applicable. The budget has also been increased to allow for additional cover where needed.

Grounds Maintenance (-£5,350)

No increased demand is anticipated for 2023/24, an increase of 5% has been built into the budget in line with inflation.

Maintenance Cremators (+£3,490)

The budget for 2023/24 has been based on 1,500 cremations with an additional maintenance allowance and increase of 5% built into the budget in line with general inflation provision.

Gas & Electricity (+£19,000, +£11,250)

The budget has allowed for a 50% increase in gas & electricity costs in comparison to the 2022/23 revised budget.

NNDR (+£27,860)

There has been a revaluation on Margam Crematorium that has seen the rateable value increase from £63,800 to £115,000. The budget has been increased to allow for the additional NNDR expenditure that will be incurred due to this increase.

Palm Sunday (+£780)

There are two Palm Sunday Services this financial year, the budget has been reintroduced to reflect this.

Brochures (+£1,000)

It is anticipated that brochures will be required this financial year, the budget has been increased to reflect this.

Christmas Carol Concert (+£250)

The budget includes a sum of £250 for the Christmas Carol Concert.

Provision for Capital Works (+£250,000)

A sum of £250,000 has been set aside to support capital works that will be determined later this financial year following a review by the Technical Officers and the Superintendent Registrar.

Income

The income for the financial year 2023/24 has been based on 1,500 cremations (1,490 paid). To the end of December 2022 there have been 1140 services, the total number of services carried out during the previous financial years were 1,459 in 21/22 and 1,813 in 20/21.

The budget has been based on the fee levels that were agreed at the previous meeting on 2^{nd} December 2022. The cremation charge for adults is £635, which is the lowest charge in Wales. Appendix 2 shows the agreed fees and charges for 2023/24.

4. Reserves

The revised budget indicates a contribution of £19,270 to the general reserve, with a balance of £891,049 projected at 31st March 2023; this figure will fluctuate and will be updated to take account of the year end position. The estimated balance for 31st March 2024 is projected to decrease by £215,800 to £675,249.

A new cremator renewals reserve was established at the year-end in March 2016. It is proposed to make a further annual contribution of £100,000 in both 2022/23 and 2023/24 giving a projected balance at 31st March 2024 of £900,000.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- The Revised Budget 2022/23 is agreed by the Committee (including the refund of £100,000 to the constituent authorities).
- The Budget for 2023/24 is agreed by the Committee.
- The Committee confirms the precept to be levied for 2023/24:
 - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council £553
 - Bridgend County Borough Council £447
- The projected position in relation to the Reserves be noted.

6. Reasons for Proposed Decision

To set the 2023/24 budgets and precept for Margam Crematorium.

7. Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for immediate implementation.

8. Appendices

- Appendix 1 contains details of the Budget Estimates.
- Appendix 2 contains details of the agreed fees and charges for 2023/24.

List of Background Papers

Margam Crematorium Financial Records.

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Appendix 1

Margam Crematorium Budget Estimates

Actual 2021/22		Original Estimate 2022/23	Revised Estimate	Original Estimate 2023/34
£		2022/23 £	2022/23 £	2023/34 £
L	Expenditure	L	£	L
050 400	Employees	0.45,000	070 050	200 000
	Salaries & Wages	245,000	276,350	309,800
	Organists fees	42,500	41,000	42,500
203	Staff Training & other employee costs	1,000	750	770
	Premises			
63,006	Grounds maintenance	63,890	86,100	80,750
23,221	Buildings/Maintenance	19,990	24,380	25,600
60,240	Maintenance Cremators	65,110	69,560	73,050
22,695		28,350	38,000	57,000
	Electricity	21,000	22,500	33,750
	Water	770	770	810
	Non Domestic Rates	34,820	34,140	62,000
13,275	Cleaning	13,370	13,370	14,040
	Supplies & Services			
	Printing & Stationery	5,000	2,710	2,860
	Telephones	2,140	2,090	1,940
•	Insurance	5,060	5,060	5,310
	Travel and Subsistence	200	-	200
	Conference fees	1,190	650	1,250
	Car Allowance	350	100	350
	Support Services	58,780	58,830	61,180
	Audit Fees	1,040	3,040	1,040
	Licences	1,190	1,150	1,210
	Floral Decoration	610	630	660
	IT Equipment & website	3,700	3,330	3,500
	Brochures	-	-	1,000
	Equipment	1,680	1,500	1,580
	Urns & Caskets	5,080	7,000	5,300
	Palm Sunday	390	-	780
1,756	Entries in Book of Remembrance	2,500	1,800	2,250
12,996	Medical Referees	14,320	13,500	14,180
	Clothing	1,880	2,100	2,210
	Subscriptions	1,580	1,600	1,680
	Multi-media system	30,000	29,000	30,150
	Memorials and Benches	3,930	5,500	5,780
	Christmas Carol Service	250	-	250

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Actual 2021/22 £	Evnanditura	Original Estimate 2022/23 £	Revised Estimate 2022/23	Original Estimate 2023/34 £
~	Expenditure	~	~	~
23,800	Capital Costs Provision for Capital Works	100,000	100,000	250,000
674,788	Gross Expenditure	776,670	846,510	1,094,730
£	Income	£	£	£
-880,139	Cremation Fees	-919,330	-919,330	-946,150
	Urns & Caskets	-5,000	-6,280	-5,000
-1,164	Book of Remembrance	-6,000	-2,900	-3,500
-36,354	Media Services income	-35,000	-33,500	-34,500
-43,705	Memorials Income	-30,000	-33,000	-30,000
-301	Bulb Donations	-50	-40	-50
0	Palm Sunday Donations	-80	-	-160
-24,328	Miscellaneous Income	-25,000	-30,000	-25,000
-2,884	Investment income	-1,500	-35,000	-30,000
-4,413	CAMEO refund	-2,000	-3,800	-3,000
-999,190	Gross Income	-1,023,960	-1,063,850	-1,077,360
-324,402	Net spend before reserves Dividend payment to Local	-247,290	-217,340	17,370
55 300	Neath Port Talbot dividend	55,300	55,200	55,300
•	Bridgend dividend	44,700	44,800	44,700
	Net Spend after Dividend payment	-147,290	-117,340	117,370
	Transfers to/-from Reserves	2		_
125 101	General Reserve	48,550	19,270	-215,800
•	Cremators Renewals Reserve	100,000	100,000	100,000
301	Bulb Fund Reserve	50	-930	50
	Palm Sunday Reserve	-310	-930	-620
1,000	Net position funded by Authorities	1,000	1,000	1,000
	· Funding from Joint Authori	ties Contributior	ns	
-553	Neath Port Talbot	-553	-552	-553
	Bridgend	-447	-448	-447
	Final Position after precept	0	0	0
	Number of Cremations	1,500	1,500	1,500

Appendix 1

Margam Crematorium Budget Estimates

Schedule of Precept Payments	Neath Port Talbot	Bridgend	Total Precept
	£	£	£
2022/23	552	448	1,000
2021/22	553	447	1,000
2020/21	553	447	1,000
2019/20	559	441	1,000
2018/19	559	441	1,000
2017/18	559	441	1,000
2016/17	561	439	1,000
2015/16	1688	1312	3,000

Cremation Price Comparison as at February 2023

Margam Crematorium	£649	(incl. of cert. contain & organ)
Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend	£746	(incl. of cert. and organist)
Llanelli Crematorium (Private)	£950	(incl. of certif. and organist)
Narberth	£749	(incl. of cert. contain & organ)
Swansea Crematorium	£765	(incl. of cert. contain & organ)

Reserves	2021/22	2022/23	2023/34
	Actual	Projected	Estimate
	£	£	£
Memorial Bulb Account	Cr 6,634	Cr 5,704	Cr 5,754
Palm Sunday Reserve	Cr 4,434	Cr 4,434	Cr 3,814
General Reserve	Cr 871,779	Cr 891,049	Cr 675,249
Cremator Renewals Reserve	Cr 700,000	Cr 800,000	Cr 900,000
	Cr 1,582,847	Cr 1,701,187	Cr 1,584,817

Margam Crematorium – Fees and charges

Ge	neral		2022/23	2023/24
1.	Cremation fees and ancillary services			
[a] [bi] [c] [d] [e] NB	Stillborn child or child up to and including Aged over 17 years, including certificate a Aged over 17 years, without certificate of Additional charge for Saturday cremation Double cremation (2 adults at one service Cremation only at 9am (weekdays only) Memorial service The above fees in 1[bi] & 1[c] include all a The concession under 1[a] may be coupled.	of cremation cremation e) services relating		£455.00 £180.00 tion.
2. 3. 4.	Certificate of cremation (additional) Extract from register Temporary deposit of cremated remains	(after 1 month)	£13.50 £12.00 £32.50	£13.50 £12.00 £32.50
5.	Disposal of cremated remains from other crematoria			£44.00
6.	Service in chapel with organ and organisminutes	t or extra 20	£31.50	£31.50
7.	Service in chapel with organ and organisminutes (Sat)	t or extra 20	£43.00	£43.00
8.	Witness burial of cremated remains	WeekdaysSaturdays	£45.00 £62.00	£45.00 £62.00
9. [a] [b] [c] [d] [e] [f] [g]	Urns and caskets Wooden casket Bronze metal urn Plain burgundy cardboard container Large white cardboard container Medium white cardboard container Small white cardboard container Small metal urn Biodegradable scatter tube		£36.50 £26.50 £15.50 £18.50 £14.00 £9.00 £19.50 £20.00	£36.50 £26.50 £15.50 £18.50 £14.00 £9.00 £19.50 £20.00

Margam Crematorium – Fees and charges

Re	membrance	2022/23	2023/24
1.	Inscriptions in book of remembrance		
	Two lines	£37.00	£37.00
	Five lines	£55.50	£55.50
	Eight lines	£74.00	£74.00
	Floral emblem/Service badge	£42.50	£42.50
	Coat of arms	£53.50	£53.50
2.	Miniature book of remembrance		
	Two lines	£56.50	£56.50
	Five lines	£72.50	£72.50
	Eight lines	£79.00	£79.00
	Floral emblem/Service badge	£42.50	£42.50
	Coat of arms	£53.50	£53.50
	Additional lines	£11.00	£11.00
2a.	Additional inscriptions in miniature book		
	Two lines	£29.50	£29.50
	Five lines	£39.50	£39.50
	Eight lines	£48.50	£48.50
3.	Memorial card		
	Two lines	£19.00	£19.00
	Five lines	£28.00	£28.00
	Eight lines	£37.00	£37.00
4.	Reservation of vases		
	Window vase	£7.50	£7.50
	Altar vase	£9.00	£9.00
5.	Additional charges		
٥.	Copy of crematorium brochure	Nil	Nil
	Replacement aluminium vase	£11.00	£11.00
	Service of remembrance	£8.00	£8.00
6.	Memorial kerb plaque in garden of remembrance (ho	reachaa na	th section'
٥.	Plaque and inscription for 10 year lease	£331.50	£331.50
	Plaque and inscription for 20 year lease	£596.50	£596.50
	Renewal of lease for further 10 years	£183.50	£183.50
	Renewal of lease for further 20 years	£331.50	£331.50
		~551.00	~551.00

Margam Crematorium – Fees and charges

Re	membrance (continued)	2022/23	2023/24
7.	Memorial kerb plaque in garden of remembrance		
	Plaque and inscription for 10 year lease	£449.00	£449.00
	Plaque and inscription for 20 year lease	£816.00	£816.00
	Renewal of lease for further 10 years	£183.50	
	Renewal of lease for further 20 years	£331.50	£331.50
8.	Baby memorial kerb plaque in children's garden of re	emembranc	е
	Plaque and inscription for 10 year lease	£183.50	£183.50
	Plaque and inscription for lease of 20 years	£331.50	£331.50
	Renewal of lease for further 10 years	£183.50	£183.50
	Replacement plaque (existing lease) for all memorial kerbs	£166.00	£166.00
9.	Granite memorial benches (3 Plaque per bench)		
-	Price per plaque per bench - 10 year lease	£612.00	£612.00
	Price for whole bench (3 plaques) - 10 year lease	£1,632.00	£1,632.00
	Price per plaque per bench - 20 year lease	£1,101.50	•
	Price for whole bench (3 plaques) - 20 year lease	£3,060.00	£3,060.00
Me	edia Charges	2022/23	2023/24
1.	Webcasting	£55.50	£55.50
2.	Recordings		
	Downloadable link	£30.00	£30.00
	Downloadable link with tribute embedded	£55.00	£55.00
	DVD/USB	£55.50	£55.50
	DVD/USB with tribute embedded	£74.50	£33.50 £74.50
	DVD/OOD With tribute criboada	214.50	214.50
3.	Visual Tributes		
	Single hold image	£19.00	£19.00
	Family video	£24.00	£24.00
	Downloadable file of tribute/slideshow	£24.00	£24.00
	DVD/USB of tribute	£33.50	£33.50
	Urgent orders	£120.00	£120.00
4.	Visual Tributes/Slideshow		
	Slideshow with NO music max of 25 images	£42.00	£42.00
	For every additional band of 25 images	£24.00	£24.00
	Slideshow WITH music max of 25 images	£80.00	£80.00
	For every additional band of 25 images	£24.00	£24.00