

# MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

(Acting with Plenary Powers)

**Members Present:**

**7 December 2023**

**Representing Neath  
Port Talbot County  
Borough Council:**

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

**Officers in  
Attendance:**

C.Griffiths, S.Brennan, C.Langdon and T.Davies

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1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6 October 2023, were received as an accurate record.

3. **ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT 2024/25**

Joint Committee Members were in agreement of the recommendations contained within the circulated report, but requested that additional work be undertaken, in respect of the justification for the extra charges for Saturday cremations (currently £356 extra surcharge for Saturday bookings). Officers would bring a further report, explaining the basis of the calculations, and options for costings, to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Revised Budget 2023/24 be agreed (including the refund of £100,000 to the constituent authorities).
2. That the Budget for 2024/25, as detailed within the circulated report, be agreed.

3. That the precept to be levied for 2024/25 be agreed as:
  - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - £550
  - Bridgend County Borough Council - £450
4. That the fees and charges as set out at Appendix 2 to the circulated report, be agreed for 2024/25, on the basis of a 3% increase.
5. That the projected position in relation to the Reserves be noted.

4. **RECLAMATION SCHEME**

Members noted that only one charity could be nominated at a time to RSBruce, so made their decision, with a view to revisiting the chosen recipient for future financial years.

**RESOLVED:** That NPT Cancer Challenge be chosen as the local bereavement-based charity for nomination to RSBruce, for the financial year 2024-2025.

5. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

**CHAIRPERSON**