

MARGAM CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

Report of the Superintendent – Mr Clive Phillips

31st October 2022

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

Cremation Figures for the period 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide members with a monthly comparison of cremations undertaken from 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022.

Background

2. Members will note from the chart below a comparison on a monthly basis of all cremations that have been undertaken from the 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022, with a comparison against the figures for 2021:

MONTH / YEAR	NVF / Stillborn	Under 18	18 & Over	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2022	YEAR
Jan 21	0	2	215	217		2021
Jan 22	0	2	139		142	2022
Feb 21	0	0	200	200		2021
Feb 22	4	0	126		130	2022
Mar 21	0	0	129	129		2021
Mar 22	1	0	133		134	2022
Apr 21	1	0	112	113		2021
Apr 22	0	0	116		116	2022
May 21	1	0	99	100		2021
May 22	0	1	148		149	2022
Jun 21	2	0	128	130		2021
Jun 22	1	0	129		130	2022

3. Margam Crematorium were able to offer a respectful service to those suffering bereavement and to meet the needs of the public. At a time when services have been restricted to the number of invited guests of the family, webcasting of the service by Wesley Media has proved popular and invaluable. Services have been streamed across the world including Australia and New Zealand with many favourable comments being received. During the last financial year, over 330 services have been streamed. Members should note though that the Superintendent and officers will always work with families to accommodate their needs and in particular will undertake regular reviews of attendance numbers to ensure compliance with Welsh Government legislation and Statutory Guidance. Currently, in conjunction with advice from the Council Fire Officer, the maximum number of persons allowed in the chapel are 135 seated and 35 standing, totalling 170. We also allow 20, seated, to view the service in the Waiting Room. In addition, the Cremation Fee has remained unchanged since 1st April 2019 and was only nominally increased from the previous two years.

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 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022.

Appendices

11. None.

Officer Contact

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