

CHILTERN CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

MEETING 21ST JUNE 2012

OPEN REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT

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2. ADDITIONAL FUNERAL SERVICE TIME

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- 2.1 At the Joint Committee meeting on 17th January 2012, on the recommendation of the officers, the Joint Committee resolved to allow the Crematorium chapels to be booked for additional funeral service time for a fee of £150.00 (Minute 17 refers). Members noted that the fee was broadly the same as at other crematoria but were concerned that demand for additional time might start to impact on bookings availability, particularly at busy times, and for this reason they also gave the Superintendent discretion to temporarily suspend bookings for additional funeral service times if this occurred. Members also requested that a review of the fee was undertaken at the next Joint Committee meeting (on the basis that a relatively high number of 'double' bookings might be an indication that the fee was too low).
- 2.2 Since this policy was introduced ten 'additional time' bookings have been made. In the officers view this has not had any significant impact on bookings availability and consequently the Superintendent has not found it necessary to temporarily suspend these bookings for additional funeral service times from being made.

RECOMMENDATION

That with the proviso that the Superintendent retains the discretion to temporarily suspend the availability of 'additional time' bookings, the fee charged for an additional 45 minutes should remain at £150.00 until the next annual review of fees and charges.

Background papers: None