



**TO: THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
For the immediate attention of  
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**From COUNCILLOR MARK RUSSELL**

**Date:** 06/12/2023

**EXECUTIVE BOARD/MEMBER DECISION TO BE CALLED IN: Ref** Increase in charges for burials and cremations

**EMD**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION:** 01/12/2023

**Subject:** 1. The proposed increases are too large. The crematorium and cemeteries between them have been budgeting to make annual profits in the region of £1m so these increases make Labour appear to be profiteering from death 2. The Decision fails to get basic maths right - it states grave prices are increasing by 6.08% but they are actually increasing by an unjustifiable 10.34%.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD/MEMBER DECISION CALLED IN BY:**  
(6 Members)

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Signature</b>
1. Cllr Mark Russell	M Russell
2. Cllr Paul Marrow	P Marrow
3. Cllr Jon Baldwin	J Baldwin
4. Cllr Derek Hardman	D Hardman
5. Cllr Jackie Slater	Ja Slater
6. Cllr Julie Slater	Ju Slater

**Date Received by Democratic Services:**

## **REASONS FOR THE CALL IN**

*Please state reasons for the Call In, which will be addressed by the appropriate Executive Member.*

*As agreed at Council Forum on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009, the lead signatory must provide detailed reasons for the Call in.*

*Council Forum resolved that it was no longer sufficient to provide limited reasons such as Lack of consultation or inaccurate information.*