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**Request:**

1. At present, what is the TOTAL crematorium charge (including use of chapel, waiting rooms and attendances, floral decoration, recorded or organ music, scattering/strewing of ashes, medical referee's fee, and environmental surcharge) at each crematorium operated by the council?
2. Does the crematorium fee include an 'environmental charge' associated with the cost of mercury abatement, and if so, how much is this environmental charge?
3. What was the council's total crematorium charge (as described in Q1):-
  - a. In October 2022
  - b. In October 2021
  - c. In October 2017
4. Has the council transferred any crematoria to private sector businesses and if so:-
  - a. Please identify the private operator
  - b. In what year did this take place?
  - c. Has the council restricted the fees which the private operator may charge, and if so what is the restriction?
5. How many cemeteries does the council own and operate?
6. How much does the council charge for an adult burial, to include an exclusive right of burial, for the minimum period of use, in a standard lawn grave, and including any interment fee?
7. What was the charge for the same provision of a grave as described in Q6:-
  - a. In October 2022
  - b. In October 2021
  - c. In October 2017
8. Are there any private sector cemeteries within the council's boundaries and if so, please identify them and the company which operates them.
9. Has the council transferred any cemeteries to private sector businesses and if so:-
  - a. Please identify the private operator
  - b. In what year did this take place?
  - c. Has the council restricted the fees which the private operator may charge, and if so what is the restriction?
10. Please indicate whether the council has had to restrict or cease burials in its cemeteries because of a lack of capacity and if so, what arrangements are there for burials?

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**Response:**

1. £854
2. No
3. a. £813  
b. £789  
c. £706.50
4. No
5. 7 cemeteries
6. £1,757
7. a. £1,652  
b. £1,591  
c. £1,490
8. No
9. No
10. One of the Authority's cemeteries is full for new burials, but re-opening of existing family graves is still possible if the grave space has not reached its maximum number of internments. Within the Authorities boundary there are another six cemeteries, and one is less than a mile from this site.