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Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27 – 2028-29 and 2025-26 Budget for Consultation

Appendix 7 – Fees and Charges

Date : 10-12-2024

There are some discrepancies in Appendix 7 Fees and Charges to the above report, in relation to cemeteries fees and charges.

The attached list shows the revised charges and those charges that have been changed are shown as shaded.

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Oxford Direct Services Fees & Charges 2025/26

	2024-25 Charge	2025-26 Charge	Increase/ (Decrease)	Increase/ (Decrease)	Commentary	Who pays
	£	£	£	%		
Cemeteries Fees & Charges						
Purchase of Exclusive Rights of Burial:						
Exclusive Right of Burial for 50 years in an adult grave (Resident)	1,050.00	1,155.00	105.00	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Resident customer
Exclusive Right of Burial for 50 years in an adult grave (Non-Resident)	3,110.00	3,421.00	311.00	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Non-resident customer
Exclusive Right of Burial for 50 years in a child grave (Non-Resident) - not chargeable to the Family	595.00	595.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Exclusive Right of Burial for 50 years in a cremated remains plot (Resident)	445.00	489.50	44.50	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Resident customer
Exclusive Right of Burial for 50 years in a cremated remains plot (Non-Resident)	1,330.00	1,197.00	(133.00)	(10.00)	Phasing down in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Non-resident customer
Fee to purchase additional 25 years Exclusive Rights of Burial:						
Fee to purchase additional 25 years Exclusive Right of Burial in an adult grave	510.00	535.00	25.00	4.90	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Fee to purchase additional 25 years Exclusive Right of Burial in an child's grave	160.00	168.00	8.00	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Fee to purchase additional 25 years Exclusive Right of Burial in a cremated remains plot	220.00	231.00	11.00	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Fee for the transfer of a Deed or Grant - from Probate of Will or Letters of Administration	95.00	100.00	5.00	5.26	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Fee for the transfer of a Deed or Grant - by Statutory Declaration	95.00	104.50	9.50	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Customer
Fee for Arrangement of Cremated Remains Interment - if temporary marker supplied by family	45.00	47.00	2.00	4.44	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Fee for Arrangement of Cremated Remains Interment (Includes temporary marker when not supplied by family)	0.00	92.00	92.00	N/A	New service fee introduced this year. In line with other LA's	Customer
Fee for Attending Cremated Remains Interment	70.00	75.00	5.00	7.14	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Search Fee:						
Search Fee: General Enquiry (1-2 searches)	Nil	10.00	10.00	N/A	N/A	Customer
Search Fee: Family History 10 searches)	25.00	27.50	2.50	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Customer
To verify Deed Holder prior to burial where no Deed produced	55.00	58.00	3.00	5.45	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer

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	2024-25 Charge	2025-26 Charge	Increase/ (Decrease)	Increase/ (Decrease)	Commentary	Who pays
	£	£	£	%		
Interments - 30 minutes in cemetery (to include boards, straps, soil disposal and removal of flowers) Additional time chargeable per 1/2 hour or part 1/2 hour Maximum Coffin Size 7 ft x 32 in						
A child whose age at the time of death was over 24 weeks gestation and less than one month (Resident) - not paid by family	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
A child whose age at the time of death was over 24 weeks gestation and less than one month (Non Resident) - not paid by family	85.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Interment of child at time of death was prior to 12th birthday (Resident) - not paid by family	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Interment of child at time of death was prior to 12th birthday (Non-Resident) - not paid by family	220.00	220.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Interment of person at time of death was beyond 12th birthday in single depth grave (Resident)	730.00	730.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Interment of person at time of death was beyond 12th birthday in single depth grave (Non-Resident)	2,180.00	2,180.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Interment of person at time of death was beyond 12th birthday in double depth grave or to re-open grave (Resident)	640.00	640.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Interment of person at time of death was beyond 12th birthday in double depth grave or to re-open grave (Non-Resident)	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Interment of ashes in grave where Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased (Resident)	265.00	280.00	15.00	5.66	Increase to take account of rising costs	Resident customer
Interment of ashes in grave where Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased (Non-Resident)	790.00	711.00	(79.00)	(10.00)	Phasing down in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Non-resident customer
Interment of ashes in grave where Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased (Non-Resident) into a new grave	790.00	830.00	40.00	5.06	Increase to take account of rising costs	Non-resident customer
For the interment of a foetus (less than 24 weeks gestation) in a communal grave through hospital contract (Resident)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NHS looking at changing process for this	NHS
For the interment of a foetus (less than 24 weeks gestation) in a communal grave through hospital contract (Non-Resident)	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	NHS looking at changing process for this	NHS
For the interment of a foetus (less than 24 weeks gestation) in an individual grave (Resident)	85.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
New service: For the interment of a foetus (less than 24 weeks gestation) (Non-Resident)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Free service to family, claimed from central government fund	Child Funeral Fund
Interment of body parts	65.00	71.50	6.50	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Customer
Timber shoring for backfilling - single burial depth	210.00	220.50	10.50	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
New service: Timber shoring for backfilling - double burial depth	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	Double burial includes more timber	Customer
Timber for use as wooden top covering - price on application	115.00	POA		0.00	Phasing old methods out, due to safety risks. POA required for customer choice	Customer
Casket - not metal (Resident) - max size 7 ft x 32 inches	1,250.00	1,375.00	125.00	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Resident customer

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Casket - not metal (Non-Resident) - max size 7 ft x 32 inches	3,730.00	4,103.00	373.00	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Non-resident customer
Exhumation of an Adult	6,500.00	6,825.00	325.00	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Exhumation of a Child	2,000.00	2,100.00	100.00	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Exhumation of Cremated Remains	0.00	As interment price	0.00	0.00	Current service not previously listed	Customer
Memorials:						
The Council does not maintain or restore memorials nor is the Council responsible for the removal or replacement after an interment.						
The following rates include the description of name(s) of those interred at the time the memorial is placed.						
For the right to erect or place on a grave in respect of which the Exclusive Rights of Burial has been purchased:						
A headstone or other memorial more than 2 feet 6 inches in height up to a maximum of 3 feet 6 inches in height	260.00	273.00	13.00	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
A headstone, book or other memorial up to and including 2 feet 6 inches in height (including cremated remains memorials up to a maximum of 18 inches)	220.00	231.00	11.00	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
A headstone, flat stone, tablet book, inscribed vase or other memorial on any plot up to and including 12 inches in height	155.00	162.75	7.75	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Other memorials including Vases, Statues, ballustrades (higher than 12 inches max 18 inches tall)	0.00	165.00	165.00	N/A	Current service not previously listed	Customer
A headstone or other memorial on a child's grave not exceeding 18 inches in height	65.00	68.25	3.25	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Flat cover slab 6 feet x 3 feet approximately on an adult's grave - free to family within 5 months of funeral	215.00	225.75	10.75	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Flat cover slab 3 feet x 1.5 feet approximately on a child's	115.00	120.75	5.75	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Any additional inscription after the first on any memorial	135.00	141.75	6.75	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Memorial Plaques 10" x 5"	60.00	63.00	3.00	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Miscellaneous:						
Chapel - Use of Cemetery Chapel and organ per 1/2 hour or part 1/2 hour	150.00	165.00	15.00	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Customer
Penalty for late arrival per 1/2 hour or part 1/2 hour	70.00	77.00	7.00	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Customer
Additional time in cemetery per part 1/2 hour	90.00	94.50	4.50	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Commercial photography (per hour or part hour)	180.00	189.00	9.00	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Minor filming or video recording (per hour or part hour)	290.00	304.50	14.50	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Major filming (per hour or part hour)	450.00	472.50	22.50	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Photocopies of Grave Section Maps (A4 per sheet)	2.00	2.50	0.50	25.00	Low cost service rounded up	Customer
Photocopies of Registers (A3 per sheet)	2.00	2.50	0.50	25.00	Low cost service rounded up	Customer

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	Charge	Charge	(Decrease)	(Decrease)		
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Replacement Deed document (only available to deed holder)	20.00	22.00	2.00	10.00	Phasing up in line with other LA average charges, capped at 10%	Customer
Provision of wooden frame surround on a grave	95.00	100.00	5.00	5.26	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Cremated Pet remains in coffin	0.00	35.00	35.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
2pm or later Mon - Fri and 9.30 am - 12.00 pm Sat (when available)	350.00	367.50	17.50	5.00	Increase to take account of rising costs	Customer
Turfing of grave	0.00	100.00	100.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: grass seeding grave when returning to lawn	0.00	60.00	60.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: permit to clean, maintain or restore a grave (headstone and ground)	0.00	50.00	50.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: larger Coffin/Casket (may require additional plot)	0.00	423.00	423.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: family led own back fill new top soil	0.00	465.00	465.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
Polycarbonate Chamber - price on application	610.00	POA	0.00	0.00	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: choice of location (selection fee) / out of rotation	0.00	205.00	205.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: washing of headstone - apply for full information	0.00	50.00	50.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: general tidy grave - 7ft x 3ft	0.00	55.00	55.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: general tidying grave - Cremated remains	0.00	35.00	35.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: planting of grave - price on application	0.00	POA	0.00	0.00	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: brick/block lining of chamber - price on application	0.00	POA	0.00	0.00	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer
New service: cremated remains within a coffin	0.00	55.00	55.00	N/A	New service, in line with other LA's	Customer