

**Proposal Title:** Harmonisation of Cemetery Rules & Regulations and

This is an interim report for a DIA that has been requested but yet to be completed.

If there is a RAG (coloured circle) that has not had its dependent field selected yet, it will appear as a white circle.

**Impact Summary**

Climate Change & Energy	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Communities & Culture	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Waste & Resource Use	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Economy	No positive or negative impacts identified	
Health & Wellbeing	Amber - Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts	
Learning & Skills		
Natural Environment		
Sustainable Procurement	No positive or negative impacts identified	
Transport & Accessibility	No positive or negative impacts identified	

Answers provided indicate that the score for the carbon footprint of the proposal is: **3**

Answers provided indicate that the carbon footprint of the proposal is:	<b>Low</b>	
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Proposal ID: **419**

Proposal Title: **Harmonisation of Cemetery Rules & Regulations and Cemetery Fees**

Type of Proposal: **Policy**

Brief description:

Proposer's Name: **Liz Hall**

Proposer's Directorate: **Environment & Community**

Proposer's Service Unit: **Environment**

Estimated cost (£): **Below £5K**

If known, the cost amount (£):

Ward(s) Affected (if applicable):

**All Wards**

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) supported by the proposal:

**11. Sustainable Cities and Communities 12. Responsible Consumption and Production 13. Climate Action 15. Life On Land**

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## Climate Change & Energy

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on addressing the causes and effects of climate change? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (in this case there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Has the proposal accounted for the potential impacts of climate change, e.g. flooding, storms or heatwaves? **Partially**
- 2) Does it assist reducing CO2 and other Green House Gas (GHG) emissions? E.g. reduction in energy or transport use, or waste produced. **Partially**
- 3) Will it increase energy efficiency (e.g. increased efficiency standards / better design / improved construction technologies / choice of materials) and/or reduce energy consumption? **Partially**
- 4) Will it increase the amount of energy obtained from renewable and low carbon sources? **Not Relevant**

How was the overall impact of the proposal on its ability to positively address the cause and effects of climate change rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**The harmonised Cemetery Rules & Regulations stipulates the placement of non-plastic memorial tributes within the cemeteries and the sourcing of floral tributes through local businesses in order to reduce the carbon footprint and promote sustainability. Enforcement of these new rules will require the re-education and engagement of all users of the cemeteries.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**N/A**

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## Communities & Culture

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help maintain and expand vibrant voluntary and community organisations? **Yes**
- 2) Will it promote a safe community environment? **Yes**
- 3) Will it promote and develop cultural activities? **Yes**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



Reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**Our Cemeteries are welcoming open spaces that attract an abundance of wildlife habitation through considered planting schemes that harnesses the natural environment of certain species that thrive within. Due to the age of our cemeteries there are some memorials in place with great historical reference relating to famous people that helped shape our local communities. Infoboards to be fitted in all our cemeteries providing historical and environmental information to visitors.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**n/a**

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## Waste & Resource Use

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on waste resource use or production and consumption? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it prevent waste or promote the reduction, re-use, recycling or recovery of materials? **Partially**
- 2) Will it use sustainable production methods or reduce the need for resources? **Partially**
- 3) Will it manage the extraction and use of raw materials in ways that minimise depletion and cause no serious environmental damage? **Partially**
- 4) Will it help to reduce the amount of water abstracted and / or used? **No**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the sustainable production and consumption of natural resources be rated?

**Green - Only positive impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**Due to existing traditions and practices relating to funerals, there are some waste and resource practices that remain in place. BCP Bereavement Care will aim to gradually promote more diverse and sustainable practices within our cemeteries including the reduction of plastics and the use of more sustainable materials for coffin construction.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**Regular monitoring with cemetery team on impact of new policy.**

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## Economy

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the area's ability to support, maintain and grow a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy? **No**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

**Not increasing the economic opportunity other than what is already in place prior to the implementation of policy (funeral directors).**

- 1) Will the proposal encourage local business creation and / or growth?
- 2) Will the proposal enable local jobs to be created or retained?
- 3) Will the proposal promote sustainable business practices?

=How would the overall impact of the proposal on it's potential to support and maintain a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy be rated?

**No positive or negative impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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## Health & Wellbeing

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the creation of a inclusive and healthy social and physical environmental for all? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will the proposal contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of residents or staff?  
**Yes**
- 2) Will the proposal contribute to reducing inequalities?  
**Yes**
- 3) Will the proposal contribute to a healthier and more sustainable physical environment for residents or staff?  
**Yes**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the creation of a fair and healthy social and physical environmental for all be rated?

**Amber - Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**Christchurch practices and fees are not in line with industry standards, therefore fees and practices will be harmonised in line with Bournemouth and Poole that are more in keeping with current practices. Christchurch residents will be required to pay an increase in some fees and abide by certain practices under the new harmonised rules that previously were permitted.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**Engagement with the local funeral director community has taken place.**

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## Learning & Skills

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on a culture of ongoing engagement and excellence in learning and skills? **No**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

**Informal inhouse training will be given if policy adopted.**

- 1) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for formal learning?
- 2) Will it provide and/or improve community learning and development?
- 3) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for apprenticeships and other skill based learning?

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the encouragement of learning and skills be rated?

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The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

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## Natural Environment

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the protection or enhancement of local biodiversity or the access to and quality of natural environments?

**Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help protect and improve biodiversity i.e. habitats or species (including designated and non-designated)? **Yes**
- 2) Will it improve access to and connectivity of local green spaces whilst protecting and enhancing them? **Yes**
- 3) Will it help protect and enhance the landscape quality and character?  
**Yes**
- 4) Will it help to protect and enhance the quality of the area's air, water and land?  
**Yes**

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the protection and enhancement of natural environments be rated?



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

**The new harmonised rules will underpin improved practices in terms of reducing plastics and promoting the use of sustainable materials for coffin construction and sourcing of floral tributes from local businesses; improved educational resources to be put in place by way of signage and infoboards in all cemeteries.**

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

**N/A**

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## Sustainable Procurement

Does your proposal involve the procurement of goods, services or works? **No**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

### **Harmonisation of legacy policies regarding the safe operation and management of all cemeteries and the harmonisation of cemetery fees.**

Has or is it intended that the Strategic Procurement team be consulted?

If the Strategic Procurement team was not consulted, then the explanation for this is:

- 1) Do the Government Buying Standards (GBS) apply to goods and/or services that are planned to be bought?
- 2) Has sustainable resource use (e.g. energy & water consumption, waste streams, minerals use) been considered for whole life-cycle of the product/service/work?
- 3) Has the issue of carbon reduction (e.g. energy sources, transport issues) and adaptation (e.g. resilience against extreme weather events) been considered in the supply chain?
- 4) Is the product/service fairly traded i.e. ensures good working conditions, social benefits e.g. Fairtrade or similar standards?
- 5) Has the lotting strategy been optimised to improve prospects for local suppliers and SMEs?
- 6) If aspects of the requirement are unsustainable then is continued improvement factored into your contract with KPIs, and will this be monitored?

How is the overall impact of your proposal on procurement which supports sustainable resource use, environmental protection and progressive labour standards been rated?

**No positive or negative impacts identified**



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## Transport & Accessibility

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services - improving links to jobs, schools, health and other services? **No**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

**Harmonisation of legacy policies and fees with no impact on current travel behaviours addressed.**

- 1) Will it support and encourage the provision of sustainable and accessible modes of transport (including walking, cycling, bus, trains and low emission vehicles)?
- 2) Will it reduce the distances needed to travel to access work, leisure and other services?
- 3) Will it encourage affordable and safe transport options?

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services be rated?

**No positive or negative impacts identified**



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Details of proposed mitigation and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):