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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ07084**

Thank you for your request for information on cremation statistics.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

**1. How many cremations did your crematorium(s) perform in 2020?**

The total cremations performed for 2020 was 2710.

**2. How many of these cremations opted not to hold a service (also known as direct cremations) at your crematoria in 2020?**

For the year 2020 there were 89 direct cremations.

**3. What is your current price for a standard funeral with a service held at Midday on a weekday including all relevant charges (environmental fee/medical referee fee/etc)?**

The weekday cremation fee is £852.50

**4. How many minutes long is this service allotted as standard?**

The standard service time is 30 minutes; however a double time service is available for families to be booked for one hour.

**5. What is your current price for a direct cremation with no service including all relevant charges (environmental fee/medical referee fee/etc)?**

The cremation fee is £535.

**6. Do you charge any fees in addition to the standard cremation fee such as environmental fees, medical referee fees, improvement fund fees? If so, how much are these?**

The medical referee fees for cremation is £32.50, this is included within the direct cremation fee.

**7. Do you currently fine those who overrun their allotted service times? If so, how much are fines and what was the total sum of fines in 2020?**

Yes, the fine is £188. With regard to the total sum of fines in 2020 please see below.

**8. Do you currently or are you considering running the local authority's own funeral service?**

The Council are currently looking into this as a feasibility project.

**9. What was the surplus/loss for crematorium and/or cemetery operations during the last fiscal year? Please break these down into separate figures for crematoria and cemeteries if available.**

Please see below.

With regard to questions 7 and 9, we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section as the Council does not hold this information in the format requested.

Regarding question 9, not all costs relating to cemeteries/crematoria are directly allocated in the format requested.

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Yours faithfully

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