The Cardiff Council Funeral Service

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Providing affordable Funeral Services to the Community



- Funeral Poverty is a real issue
- Cost recovery and Investment does not mean you can ignore this fact!
- Inform the Public about options
- Agree and set up local partnerships for the benefit of the bereaved



Municipal Funeral Services



- NOT a Public health funeral service
- Fixed low price costs
- No hidden extras
- Professional service through a local FD
- Available to ANY resident
- Tender process
- Helps control local costs
- Valid alternative option



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- Collection of the Deceased from anywhere within the City Boundary
- Light Oak or Dark Oak veneered coffin complete with internal and external furnishings and fittings or
- An Environmentally Friendly Coffin Option
- Preparation and Dressing of the Deceased (no Embalming)
- Viewing in a Chapel of Rest
- Hearse and One Limousine
- Fixed Cost for provision of additional Limousines
- Dignified Funeral Service
- All for £1030



Why Provide this Service?



- Crisis Purchase
- Public feel they can't 'Shop Around'
- Funeral Directors are Unregulated
- True Costs of Funerals remain Unclear to the Public
- Pressure Selling & Funeral Extras?
- Offer More Choice to the Public
- Attempt to Locally Control Funeral Costs
- Provide a High Standard Funeral Service with No Hidden Costs at an Affordable Price



How it Works



- Local Authority provides a Funeral Specification
- Tender exercise to all local Funeral Directors requesting the most competitive price for that spec
- Discussion
- Tender Award
- Promotion



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- Local Average Cost for Cremation with FD and all disbursements £4500
- CCFS Cremation £1708
- Local Average Cost for Burial with FD and all disbursements £5000
- CCFS Burial £2320
- Based on 2016 fees



Charging or Trading?



- The CCFS is not a Funeral Directing Business
- Limited Trading in this area currently
- LA's have always been able to charge if Permitted
- Localism Act offers greater power to Trade and Charge



Questions



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