

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Graham Jones

Now that higher burial charges may be imposed by Powys County Council re: Cemeteries, concerns are that some families simply cannot afford these extra charges.

Has the Council considered that if these excessively high increased charges are implemented, this could well lead to an environmental problem?

What measures are the Council proposing, to address this?

It is acknowledged that the increases in burial fees are significant. However they are necessary in order for the Council to make significant progress towards full cost recovery in the future.

It is acknowledged that some families may struggle to afford a burial given the extra charges. This fact was taken into account when revising the new fees and this is why the Council did not go for full cost recovery at this present time.