

61578 Council Crematoriums and Burials

I would like the following information:

Details of all Equality Impact Assessments, carried out by or on behalf of the Council, on the impact of increasing charges on burial and cremation services provided by the council which have been produced since 2022.

Charges for burial and cremation services were increased by 3% in 2022/23, frozen in 2023/24, increased by 5% in each of 2024/25 and 2025/26 and then frozen again in 2026/27. As with all savings proposals, proposals to increase fees and charges have been subject to consideration of whether a detailed Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) was required. For 2026/27, on the basis that no change was proposed, no consideration of the need for an IIA was undertaken.

The results of this consideration were published on the Council's website, with an example (for 2022/23) provided at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/30619/council-tax-fees-charges-statement-ia>

In addition to this process, more detailed assessments of the potential equalities impacts of changes in fee and charge levels were provided to Elected Members and published on the Council's website. Although these have now been removed as they relate to previous years' budgets, I have attached an example for the 2024/25 financial year.

In summary:

IIA Statements

2022/23 - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/30619/council-tax-fees-charges-statement-ia>

2023/24 – <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/32732/corporate-services-statement>

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2025/26 – Attached

2026/27 – There was no IIA prepared as officer recommendation was to freeze most fees and charges.

Fees and Charges Equality Impact Statements

2024/25 – Attached

2025/26 – Attached

2026/27 - As with the IIA, no statement was prepared for 2026/27 as officer recommendation was to freeze most fees and charges.

The number of burials and cremations provided by the council in each year since 2017.

Please refer to the table below.

Year	Cremations	Coffin Burials	Cremated Remains Burials
2017	1,664	346	247
2018	2,431	378	231
2019	2,536	341	233
2020	2,701	369	169
2021	2,537	362	287
2022	2,682	358	239
2023	2,628	386	257
2024	2,523	349	222
2025	2,592	333	201

The cost of burial and cremation services with the council in each year since 2017.

Please break this down by the type of service provided.

Please refer to the attached price lists for each year from 2017 to present day. These relate to each Financial Year (01 Apr – 31 Mar). The breakdown is provided on each price list.

The total revenue raised as a result of burials and cremations each year since 2017.

Please refer to the table below.

Burials	Revenue		Cremations	Revenue
2017-2018	£544,618.00		2017-2018	£1,660,689.00
2018-2019	£648,622.00		2018-2019	£1,650,458.00
2019-2020	£655,540.40		2019-2020	£1,890,514.00
2020-2021	£394,049.48		2020-2021	£1,952,966.00
2021-2022	£734,419.00		2021-2022	£1,931,465.00
2022-2023	£797,289.00		2022-2023	£2,151,185.00
2023-2024	£852,202.40		2023-2024	£2,168,216.00
2024-2025	£709,644.00		2024-2025	£2,058,642.00
2025-2026	£693,961.00		2025-2026	£2,054,004.00
Total	£6,030,345.28		Total	£17,518,139.00

Details of the categories of personal information which the council collects and stores for those who take up cremation services. (For example, name, age, religion, etc.)

We collect and store the information from the statutory Cremation Form A1 and the Supplementary Application Form (both attached).