



REQUEST 18888

I would like to request the following information:

1. The date when Wigan Council decided to implement a flat burial fee (the same charge for residents and non-residents).
2. The reasoning or policy papers behind this decision, including any equality, financial, or community impact assessments carried out at the time.
3. Any reviews or reports since implementation that discuss the impact or effectiveness of maintaining equal charges.
4. The council's current view on the benefits or challenges of this policy compared to neighbouring councils that apply non-resident surcharges.

RESPONSE

There is no documentation to provide an exact date for the change. The decision to implement a flat burial fee (the same charge for residents and non-residents) was made prior to 2010 when the bereavement services were provided as part of Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust (WLCT) contract. Stuart Murray the then Chief Executive made the change.

There are no supporting policy papers for the decision.

There are no reviews or reports since implementation.

There has been no recent review of this policy, therefore, the information requested is not available