

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT) – 13th June 2017

ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNERALS POLICY

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Communities and Environment) was presented the report on the Adoption of the Public Health Funerals Policy at the Panel meeting on 13th June 2017.

A Member commented that the bullet points in section six of the policy are appropriate for those people who refuse to pay for their relative's funeral however are a little harsh on those unable to pay. The Member was informed that the Policy is worded in order to give the Council the ability to decide on a case by case basis what would apply and what would not and it is possible that the points would not apply in a case where a person is unable to pay.

The Panel raised a concern about access to Policy however Members were informed that once approved the Policy will be published on the Council's website and that residents are able to telephone the Council for a copy.

The Panel endorsed the submission of the Public Health Funerals Policy for approval by the Cabinet.