

Ashford Borough Council

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on 28th November 2019

Minute No	Topic	Decision
221	Ashford Borough Council Cemetery Provision; challenges and solutions	<p>The Portfolio Holder introduced the report which advised that a recent review of cemetery provision had identified the projected capacity of the Borough's cemeteries over the coming years. Based on current demand the Borough had adequate availability of grave space within its cemeteries for the short/medium term future. The Borough was however expected to see a rapidly increasing population, particularly in the over-65s demographic with an increasing death rate of +45% between 2017 and 2041, putting increasing demand on provision of grave spaces. The report provided details of the challenges being faced, along with potential solutions</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) interment fees be scaled up for non-residents of the Borough in accordance with the information in Paragraph 45 of the report, to protect burial ground for the Borough's residents.(ii) delegations be given to the Head of Environment and Land Management, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder, to apply discretion where applications are made for interments from families of previous residents of the Borough.