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Cc: [Judith Falp](#); [Alan Rhead](#); [Andrew Jones](#); [Julie Lewis](#); [Marianne Rolfe](#)
Subject: Emergency Powers - exercised.
Date: 07 July 2021 10:12:06
Importance: High

Dear all,

I rarely do this but I think urgency and scale justify me doing this – we had over the past few days an unauthorised traveller encampment on the Ajax football ground on the outskirts of Warwick. The police served notice and the group have moved off but have left the ground in a state which needs to be cleared. The site is not owned by us and sadly the club is not in a financial state to address as this is before the subs from players and subs come in. Police liaison officer's view is that they are in danger of collapsing as they have just spent a lot of money on improving the drainage of their playing fields. They have asked us for help and we estimate it will cost circa £500 so I have asked Julie to get our contractors to go in to clear it today/tomorrow and use contingency funds to pay for it. Hope you are okay with that and if not am happy to offer my shin to be kicked 😊

Let me know today if you are okay with this – I will of course have to report retrospectively to Cabinet.

Regards

Chris

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Cc: [Pamela Chilvers](#); [Steve Partner](#)
Subject: Request for assistance in respect of burial fees. Private and Confidential
Date: 17 April 2021 18:22:53
Importance: High

Dear Councillors,

Further to the email I sent earlier today in respect of the agenda for the LCG on Monday afternoon I set out the issue for your consideration.

We have received a request from a local resident in respect of burial fees. The resident's son died recently in a hotel in Warwick but had not otherwise lived in the District for 3 years having moved to London for work. (The causes of death and the hotel are unknown). The resident has purchased a plot but has now realised that our policy of charging more for non-residents results in an uplift in costs from £1045 to £3135 with which on top of the plot purchase is clearly a struggle. The resident has asked if his son could be considered to have a local connection. Our policy is to accept a gap of one year of living in the District. At the moment therefore the resident's son residency does not meet our policy requirement. The reason for our policy is to prioritise the limited resource of burial plots for local residents not for financial purposes.

The policy allows no discretion for officers and so the only other way this could be considered is via the Chief Executive's emergency powers which require consultation with Group Leaders.

The local ward Councillors support the request.

The issue to me seems to be whether the degree of local connection and the location/circumstances of death is sufficient to outweigh the Council's policy. The issue is not a financial one. It is a difficult issue and I don't think there is any clear right or wrong whichever way Councillors decide. My advice though is that if Councillors are minded to accept the argument is to treat it as an exception rather than as a change to policy.

Kind regards

Chris