

## CABINET – 16TH NOVEMBER 2017

### ITEM 5 QUESTIONS UNDER CABINET PROCEDURE 10.7

#### (i) Councillor D. Hayes – Burial Costs/Loughborough Special Rate

Why is the Council subsidising the costs of burials for people who live outside Loughborough/Charnwood and what impact does this have on the Loughborough Special Rate Precept?

*The Leader, or his nominee, will respond:*

*The Council is not subsidising the cost of burials for non-residents. Charges for non-residents of Loughborough are double that of residents for interments and exclusive rights of burial. This is a long standing policy of the Council, reflecting the differing Council Tax charge demands borne by the respective Council Tax payers within the Charnwood Borough Council area. The Council is currently reviewing the multiplier used for calculating the non-resident surcharge with regards to cemetery charges.*

*The net cost of the cemetery is approx. £7.5k for 2017/18.*

#### (ii) Mr R. Ford – Open Space, Grange Park, Loughborough

Why has the Council overridden the Planning Application and development of Grange Park, to change this designated open space (Recreational Pitch) to a cemetery thereby significantly changing the area and lack of use for local people?

*The Leader, or his nominee, will respond:*

*The planning permission for the Grange Park development requires this area of land to be laid out in accordance with the 'Approved Recreation Scheme' (this document sets out the design and layout of recreational space and facilities for the site). The land must then be transferred to the Borough Council so that it can be retained for public use. There is no requirement for it to be retained in accordance with the Scheme forever.*

*The Cabinet is asked to consider if the site should provide a future cemetery extension. Notwithstanding the answer to this question, an application for planning permission to change the use of the land will need to be made to the Local Planning Authority. Should an application be made the planning process will enable residents to express their views about the proposal before members consider whether to grant planning permission or not.*