

Leader

No	Decision	Reason	Key	Confidential	Date taken
921/18	To approve the introduction of a Public Health Funeral Policy Statement to formalise the arrangements the Council will adopt to provide a dignified and value for money public health funeral service.	<p>The Council has a statutory duty to provide funerals for a person that has died where no arrangements are being made. This is usually where there are no family or friends available to make the necessary arrangements. However there has been a notable increase in the amount of welfare funerals being requested by family and friends where they are not prepared to make the arrangements themselves. This is often due to financial difficulties or due to families being estranged.</p> <p>The Council had a contract in place to arrange public health funerals which has now ended. Due to an increased demand and associated costs for public health funerals future options have been considered for a cost effective public health funeral service that meets the Council's statutory duty.</p> <p>A direct cremation has been identified as the most cost effective service available. A Public Health Funeral Policy Statement has been drafted identifying direct cremation as the default type of funeral that is provided unless specific wishes are identified. It also provides procedural guidance and clarity to the public as to what to expect when the service is provided by East Staffordshire Borough Council.</p>	No	No	12/09/2018

Deputy Leader (Regeneration)

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927/18	To continue with the Council's current Council Tax Reduction scheme with no revisions with effect from 1st April 2019.	Each year the Council is required to decide whether to review or replace its scheme. The scheme is performing well and is currently within budget. The number of claimants in receipt of Council Tax Reduction has reduced since the Council approved its first scheme in 2012. Council Tax collection is on target to achieve at least 98% for the current financial year. During the life of the scheme sixteen applications for a discretionary payment due to exceptional hardship has been received. One application had been received for 2018-19/ As the scheme is performing well, it is recommended that it continue without revision or replacement for 2019/20.	No	No	26/09/2018