

## Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>                            | Governance and Audit Committee   |
| <b>DATE:</b>                                 | <b>19 January 2022</b>   |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>                             | Remotely via Video Conference  |
| <b>TITLE:</b>                                | Coroner's Follow-On – Funeral Directors Services   |
| <b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>                    | To consider the Council's Internal Audit Service Follow-On Report on the Coroner's Service Funeral Director Fees                           |
| <b>FOR:</b>                                  | Decision   |
| <b>CABINET PORTFOLIO AND CABINET MEMBER:</b> | Cllr. Ray Quant, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Legal and Governance, People and Organisation and Democratic Services |

### **BACKGROUND:**

A Report of the Council's Internal Audit Service on the Coroner's Service Funeral Director Fees ('the Original Report') was presented to the Governance and Audit Committee ('the Committee') at its 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Meeting (see Report at: <https://council.ceredigion.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=147&MId=207&Ver=4&LLL=0>).

The exempt appendices to the Original Report were considered by the Committee. Following consideration of the exempt appendices, the Committee requested a further Report from the Council's Internal Audit Service ('the Follow-On Report' (exempt)) and also asked for comparisons of Ceredigion Funeral Director fees against the Funeral Director fees of other Welsh Local Authorities.

### **CURRENT POSITION:**

The Follow-On Report (exempt) (**Appendix 1**) and a Report comparing Ceredigion Funeral Director fees against those of other Welsh Local Authorities ('the Comparison Report' (exempt) (**Appendix 2**), which have been prepared by Internal Audit, are hereby attached and are presented to the Committee for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Committee:

- 1) Notes the contents and conclusions of the Follow-On Report (at **Appendix 1**) and the Comparison Report (at **Appendix 2**); and
- 2) makes recommendations as regards appropriate action to be taken in light of the findings of the Follow-On Report and Comparison Report.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Ensuring that the Coroner service remains fit for purpose.

**Reporting Officer:** Elin Prysor  
**Designation:** Corporate Lead Officer: Legal & Governance (and Monitoring Officer)  
**Head of Service:** Elin Prysor, Corporate Lead Officer: Legal & Governance/ Monitoring Officer  
**Acronyms:** N/A  
**Date of Report:** 5/01/2022  
**Appendices:** **Appendix 1** - Internal Audit Service Follow-On Report on Coroner's Service - Funeral Director Fees  
Appendix 1 - Internal Audit Service Follow-On Report on Coroner's Service - Funeral Director Fees  
Appendix 2 – Internal Audit Service Report- Coroner's Funeral Director Services  
**Background papers:** N/A  
**Statutory powers:** N/A