

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/266(483321)

Please provide me with the following:

- ***A copy of the council's register of restored lairs (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/20/part/1/crossheading/lair-restoration-to-use/enacted>);***

East Lothian Council (ELC) has not moved forward with this section of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill as it believes that enactment by the Scottish Government still requires publication of guidance notes and best practice to enable a decision to be made on whether this practice will be utilised within East Lothian.

In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

- ***In relation to section 32 of the above Act, by financial year, (a) how many consultations have been made regarding the restoration of lairs and in which cemetery, (b) how many of these consultations resulted in lairs being re-used/restored and where, and (c) for what total £ amount did the council buy or sell "rights of burial" in relation to restored lairs?***

Please refer to the first bullet point above.

- ***For each of the last 10 financial years (including 2017/18 to date), what was the fee charged for cremations and burials?***

Fees vary depending on funeral director charges, however, ELC's adult interment fees are detailed below.

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
£228	£236	£420	£437	£455	£588	£702	£709	£720	£742	£765

- ***Under the terms set out in the National Assistance Act 1948, all local authorities are required to provide burial or cremation for individuals who die without means ("paupers' funerals" to use the colloquial term) within their respective district boundaries. For each of the last 10 financial years (including 2017/18 to date), how many such individuals have been buried and cremated. I want a separate number per year for burials and cremations;***

2017/18 1 x cremation
2016/17 1 x cremation
2015/16 1 x cremation

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2014/15	2 x cremations
2013/14	1 x burial
2012/13	1 x cremation
2011/12	1 x cremation
2010/11	1 x cremation
2009/10	Nil
2008/09	1 x cremation

- ***As of now, what is the cost of (a) a 'pauper' burial (including cost of coffin), and (b) a 'pauper' cremation.***

As mentioned above, fees vary depending on funeral director charges.

Details of ELC's current internment fees are published on its website. This means that, for the purposes of this legislation, this part of your request is exempt under Section 25(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as the information is otherwise accessible. We have, however, provided a link to the relevant page for your convenience:
https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210565/birth_marriage_and_death/12122/burial_services/4