

**HEALTH SERVICES:
REVIEW OF INDIGENT BURIAL ALLOWANCE**

**18/7/1
ADHS**

PURPOSE

To request Council to review the allowance given to undertakers to render indigent burials for the next financial year 2017/2018.

BACKGROUND

Looking at the country's financial circumstances, it is also crucial that much as our communities are indigent they deserve a dignified funeral the allowance given to undertakers is insufficient. The increases are done taking into consideration the financial state of our municipality.

DISCUSSION

Currently the allowance is as follows:

AGE OF BENEFICIARY	TOTAL COSTS (Mortuary Costs; Coffin & Grave)
0-3 Years (Including stillborn)	R 1,332.00
4-14 Years	R1,991.00
Adults	R3,360.00
Oversized adults	R 5,302.00
Cremations	R6,360.00
Exhumations	R4,310.00

The Department therefore suggests that a 6.1 % increase be effected as per Mayco Resolution 401/2008 thus the new allowances will be as follows:

AGE OF BENEFICIARY	TOTAL COSTS (Mortuary Costs & Coffin & Grave)
0-3 Years (Including stillborn)	R 1,414.00
4-14 Years	R2 112.00
Adults	R3,565.00
Oversized adults	R 5,625.00
Cremations	R6,748.00
Exhumations	R4,573.00

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Council takes cognizance of the new allowances for indigent burials.
- (b) That new allowance be effective from 01 July 2017.
- (c) That Council takes cognizance that the service benefits our indigent communities.

COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION**