From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 10 April 2019 16:10
To: [redacted]'
Subject: EIR-19-0438 - Headstones
Attachments: V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for your information request of 26 March 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

1. How many headstones in your local authority area have been identified as being in need of repair?
435.

2. How often are headstones in your cemeteries inspected with a view to identifying required repairs?
The inspection regime with regard to headstone stability is every 5 years and for those identified as high risk this is annually.

3. What would you estimate the total cost of the required repairs to be to headstones in your local authority area?
£50,000 annually

4. If you are not planning to repair headstones, what is the your current course of action? Might you consider a system of 'toppling' or 'ticketing' headstones deemed to be dangerous?
We either repair or make safe by laying flat.

5. Are there any plans to increase the cost of funerals and/or lairs? if so by how much?
Yes, for 2018-19, burial costs will increase by £103 and lair rights by £25.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

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