

The establishment of a "municipal" funeral offer in partnership between a local authority and funeral director (via a tender exercise) would offer a budget / low cost alternative to the residents of the local authority, thus giving them the opportunity to avoid unnecessary debt. The offer would be transparent as each element would be specifically priced and only the minimum required would be included, optional extras could be added if need be, with all options widely promoted on council website and related pages etc.

The service would not be in competition with the funeral directors as they would still offer the traditional funerals currently offered to those who require that option.

Local Authorities are ideally placed to offer this option as they are the only organisation in the bereavement process, that has a involvement from start to finish i.e. Coroner / Registrars through to interment.

Thanks

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