

Burial and Cremation Consultation,
Scottish Government,
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22nd April 2015

Dear Sirs,

Burial and Cremation Consultation

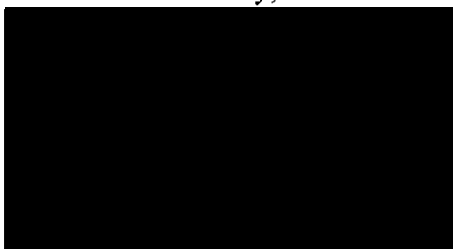
Please find attached my responses to the consultation questionnaire, with additional information.

Q51- A single form would keep things simple and should be easy to understand.

Q83- Funeral directors should have a standard of training and responsibility, particularly when completing the cremation application form.

Q88- A charge could be made at point of registration for all adult deaths, with the income going towards helping those who cannot afford the funeral.

Yours faithfully,



ANNEX C

Consultation on a proposed Bill relating to burial and cremation
and other related matters in Scotland



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form must be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

Organisation

PAISLEY CEMETERY COMPANY LTD

Title Mr ☒ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Dr ☐ Please tick as appropriate

Surname

McFADYEN

Forename

FRANK

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

Group/Organisation



Please tick as



- (a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate

☒ Yes ☐ No

- (c) The name and address of your organisation will be made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick **ONE** of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available ☐

or

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address ☒

or

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address ☐

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate

☐ Yes ☐ No

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

☒ Yes

Q46 - Do you agree with the proposal to provide an alternative process where the purpose of the exhumation is to allow the reuse of a full lair, including that the Burial Authority need not seek specific authorisation once it has carried out specified notifications that it intends to reuse the grave?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q47 - Do you agree that authorisation for exhumations should be carried out by the inspector, rather than the Scottish Government?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q48 - Do you agree with the proposed approach for the exhumation of cremated remains?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Pandemics and mass-fatality events

Q49 - Do you agree that the Bill should set out the process for applying for and authorising an exhumation for archaeological purposes? Should any particular issues be taken into account or conditions applied?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q50 - Do you agree that the same power to suspend regulations relating to cremation in response to pandemics or other similar incidents should be extended to any relevant burial regulations?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Cremation forms and procedures

Q51 - Do you agree with the principle that a single form should be prescribed for applying for cremations or is it preferable that separate forms should be provided for applying for different categories of cremation? Please set out your reasons for your view.

Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q52 - Do you agree that each of these categories should be provided for in cremation application forms?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q53 – Do you agree that Form A should contain these options for any ashes which are recovered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q54 – Do you agree that no cremation which is applied for using Form A should be able to proceed unless the applicant has specified what should happen to the ashes? Do the categories above cover all relevant options or should other options be offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q55 – Do you agree that Form A should state that it may not be possible to recover ashes after the cremation of a very young child?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Q56 – Is the process for enabling a person other than the applicant to collect any ashes recovered appropriate? Are the timings proposed suitable?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q57 - If ashes are left at the crematorium, how long should be required to elapse before the crematorium can make arrangements to dispose of the ashes?

Response: *4 WEEKS*

Q58 – Do you agree that the application should be countersigned by someone who is not a member of the applicant's family and who is not involved in the arrangements for the cremation? Will this prove impractical? Should the legislation specify categories of people who may countersign cremation application forms?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Regulation of the funeral industry

Q83 - Would regulation of the funeral industry be beneficial? What would regulating the industry achieve that cannot be achieved already? What are the disadvantages of regulating the funeral industry?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q84 - If the funeral industry were to be regulated, what approach would be most useful for Scotland? Do the examples given from other jurisdictions provide useful models, ranging from a fully licensed system to a process of self-regulation?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Q85 - Do you agree that an additional inspector role, separate from the Inspector of Crematoria, would be required to support a regulatory regime?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Funeral poverty

Q86 - Do you agree with the proposal that Local Authorities should have a legal duty to ensure that their up-to-date burial and cremation costs are published on their website in clear and accessible way?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q87 - Should Local Authorities be required by law to charge funeral costs on a cost-recovery basis only?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know ☐

Additional information:

Q88 - What else could be done to reduce funeral costs and ensure that they remain affordable for everyone?

Response: