

4 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - BURIAL OR CREMATION OF DECEASED PERSONS (AN252-2014)

Under Section 50 of the National Assistance Act 1948, local authorities have a statutory responsibility;

“to cause to be buried or cremated the dead body of any person who has died or been found dead in their area, in any case where it appears to the authority that no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body have been or are being made otherwise than by the authority”.

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council and Schemes of Administration, quotes were invited for the Burial or Cremation of Destitute Dead Persons Three Year Contract, covering the period 1st January, 2015 to 31st December, 2017. On 6th October, 2014 an invitation to quote was published on the Public Contracts Scotland website and tender applications were received from Funeral Services Ltd trading as The Co-operative Funeralcare, Dundee and James Ashton and Son Ltd, Dundee.

Both have demonstrated that they meet the quality evaluation criteria and details of the offers received are as follows:

	<u>Burial</u>	<u>Cremation</u>
Funeral Services Ltd trading as The Co-operative Funeralcare	£944.00	£1,478.00
James Ashton & Son Ltd	£495.80	£1,207.80

It is recommended that the Committee approve the acceptance of the lowest offer from James Ashton & Son Ltd, Dundee commencing 1st January, 2015.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that the costs of providing this service will be met from the Environment Department's 2014/15 Revenue Budget and is within the planned Revenue Budgets for 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.