

Report of the Executive Director

CREMATION NUMBERS AND INFORMATION ON CREMATIONS1. Purpose of the report

To provide the Joint Committee with the latest update on cremation numbers and information on the different types of cremations.

2. Background

In accordance with the Joint Committee's request shown below is a table detailing the number of services on a year by year basis.

Month	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
April	249	310	262	190	228	190	302	229
May	233	229	231	230	251	230	283	187
June	206	299	246	253	198	212	188	241
July	236	233	213	200	178	196	178	183
August	234	210	201	181	201	194	179	172
September	233	219	233	198	153	175	182	192
October	261	236	212	207	191	207	202	193
November	268	237	255	221	221	210	222	226
December	298	295	257	235	196	202	262	
January	309	261	315	298	273	272	224	
February	321	305	315	269	241	204	303	
March	323	300	263	263	217	240	272	
Total	3171	3134	3003	2745	2548	2532	2797	1623

The first eight months of 2021/22 show that there have been 1623 cremations. Whilst this is below the numbers achieved for the same time period in 2020/21 it is comparable with the numbers achieved in 2019/20. It is therefore anticipated that the target of 2450 cremations for the year 2021/22 will be achieved.

Further information relating to the cremations together with the different types of cremations are shown in the appendix.

3. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications at this stage.

Recommendation

The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE this report.

Background papers

Nil.

APPENDIX

Types of Services breakdown

The table below shows the different types of cremations which have taken place between April and November 2021.

The key for the information in the table is show below:

Total Cremation: A normal cremation involving a 60-minute service.

Extended Service: A normal cremation involving a 120-minute service.

Hospital Body: The cremation of a body received direct from the hospital.

Hospital Body Part: The cremation of body parts received direct from the hospital.

Committal Service: A cremation where the main service was held at a church/chapel

Under 18s: A normal cremation involving a 60-minute service which is free of charge.

NVF/Stillborn: A normal cremation involving a 60-minute service which is free of charge.

Direct Services: A normal cremation but where there is no service.

Low Cost Services: A normal cremation involving a 60-minute service only at 9:00am in the Serenity Chapel.

Weekend Service Plus Same day Cremation: A normal cremation involving a 60 minute service with the cremation taking place on the same day as the service

Weekend Service Plus Cremation: A normal cremation involving a 60-minute service with the service taking place on a Saturday.

Month	Total Cremations £730.00	Extended Services £806.00	Hospital Body £516.00	Hospital Body parts £49.00	Committal Service £730.00	Under 16 Yrs £0.00	16-18 Yrs £0.00	NVF/Still Borns £0.00	Directs £500.00 (£395 from 1/12/21)	Weekend Service Plus Same day Cremation £1085.00	Weekend Service Plus Cremation £825.00	Weekend Service Only £195.00	Chapel Hire £100.00	Epilog Numbers
April-21	198	10	1	0	12	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	4	229
May-21	138	8	6	17	11	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	6	187
June-21	200	9	1	19	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	241
July-21	169	3	0	0	5	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	183
August-21	150	3	1	0	7	1	0	1	7	2	0	0	5	172
September-21	170	6	0	0	12	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	192
October-21	171	4	0	0	15	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	193
November-21	206	6	0	0	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	226
December-21														
January-22														
February-22														
March-22														
Totals	1402	49	9	36	85	1	0	9	26	3	3	0	31	1623

As is evident the majority of cremations are 'total cremations' with 'committal services' and 'extended services' being the other main services provided.

Please note that the numbers for the Chapel Hire are not included in the total cremation numbers.