

## Report of the Executive Director

**CREMATION NUMBERS**1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Joint Committee with an update on cremation numbers.

2. Recommendation

**The Joint Committee is asked to NOTE this report.**

3. Detail

In accordance with the Joint Committee's request shown below is a table detailing the number of services on a year by year basis. The number of cremations in 2021/22 reduced from the previous year but it should be noted that the 2020/21 figure was likely to have increased due to the effects of the pandemic. A more accurate trend on whether the number of cremations is increasing or decreasing will be able to be ascertained over the next year.

Month	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
April	249	310	257	179	221	190	302	229
May	233	229	229	225	241	230	283	187
June	206	299	241	228	194	212	188	241
July	236	232	209	190	174	196	178	183
August	234	210	196	175	196	194	179	180
September	233	219	231	187	150	175	182	192
October	261	235	212	197	189	207	202	193
November	268	231	252	201	212	210	222	226
December	298	289	250	196	195	202	262	199
January	309	250	310	276	273	272	224	217
February	321	301	307	259	238	204	303	229
March	323	294	258	257	211	240	272	230
Total	3171	3099	2952	2570	2494	2532	2797	2506

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no financial implications at this stage.

5. Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

6. Background Papers

Nil

## APPENDIX

**Types of Services breakdown**

The table below shows the different types of cremations which have taken place in 2021/22.

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

**Full Service:** A normal 60 minute service and cremation.

**Committal Service:** The service was held at a church/chapel first then, a quick service and cremation.

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

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

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

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

Month	Full Service	Committal Service	Directs	Hospital Body	Low Cost Funeral	Cremations Total
<b>Totals</b>	2253	133	59	51	10	2506

Note: Low cost funerals on started in December 2021.