

# Registration Service Update

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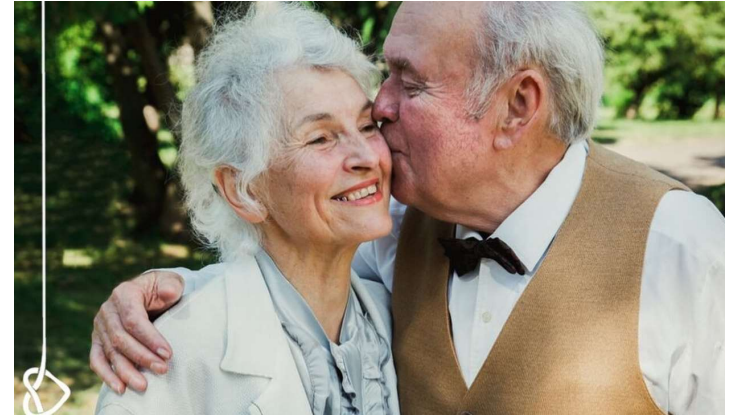
# Countywide coverage







*The Basing Room, Winchester Register Office*



# A potted history...



HM Passport  
Office

**1538 -  
Henry VIII &  
Reformation**

**1640 - 1662  
Execution of  
Charles I, Civil  
War, Oliver  
Cromwell**

**Restoration  
of Charles II**

**1665 -  
The London  
Gazette first  
published**

**1690 - 1750  
Religious  
tolerance leads to  
Non-conformist  
registers**

**1875 -  
Penalties  
enforced for  
failing to register  
births, deaths &  
marriages**

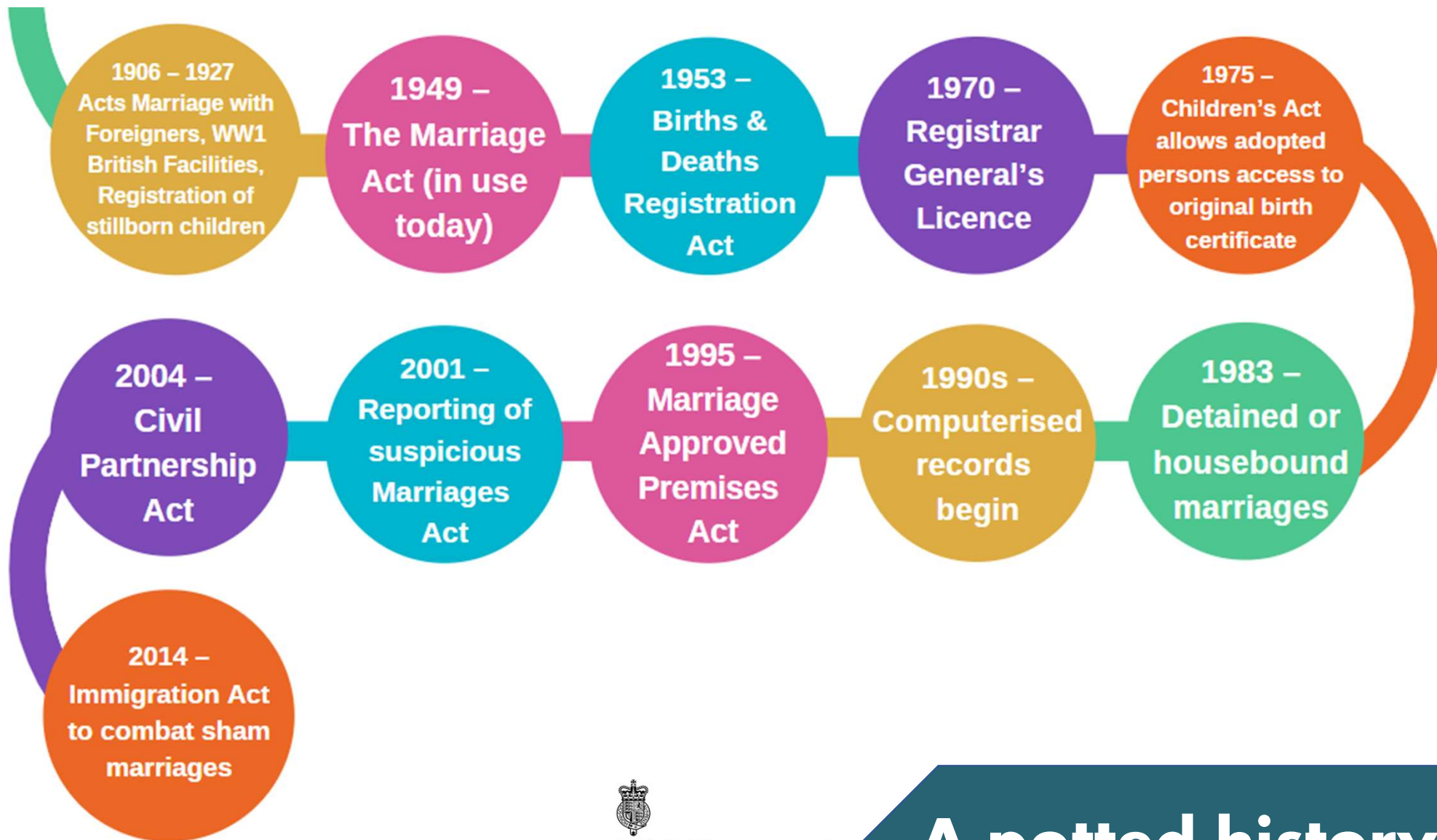
**1837 -  
Civil  
registration  
starts 1 July  
1837**

**1834 -  
Poor Law  
Act**

**1813 -  
Printed registers  
were produced for  
use in recording  
baptisms and  
burials**

**1753 -  
The Marriage  
Act**





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# MARRIAGE TIMELINE

#equalmarriage

1753

**CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE ACT**  
First time the state regulated marriage.

1836

**MARRIAGE ACT INTRODUCES CIVIL MARRIAGES**  
Marriage becomes a civil institution as well as a religious one.

1949

**MARRIAGE ACT**  
The main piece of legislation regarding marriage.

2004

**CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT**  
The first legally recognised relationship for same sex couples.

2011  
DECEMBER

Law changed to allow same sex couples to register their civil partnership on religious premises on a permissive basis.

2012  
15 MARCH  
– 14 JUNE

Public consultation on proposals to enable same sex couples to marry.

2012  
DECEMBER

Government's response to consultation published announcing commitment to legislate to enable same sex couples to marry in civil ceremonies and to enable those religious organisations that wish to conduct same sex marriage ceremonies to do so on a voluntary basis.

2013  
JANUARY

Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill introduced into Parliament.

2013  
JULY

Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act becomes law making equal marriage legal.

2014  
by SUMMER

First same sex weddings to take place.



2020 - 2021  
**acceleration...**

## 2020

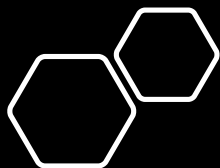
- Births and marriages postponed
- Covid easements introduced

## 2021

- January - Medical Examiner to validate medical causes of death
- May – Marriage Schedule System
- July – Brexit changes to immigration rules
- July – Government Covid restrictions lifted, time to catch up!



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# What the numbers say...

**31,850 life events**

Deaths registered **10,000**

Births registered **8,000**

Notices of Marriage/Civil  
Partnership **9,700**

Ceremonies **3,350**

New British Citizenships **800**

*Approx. for 01.01.2021 – 01.12.2021*

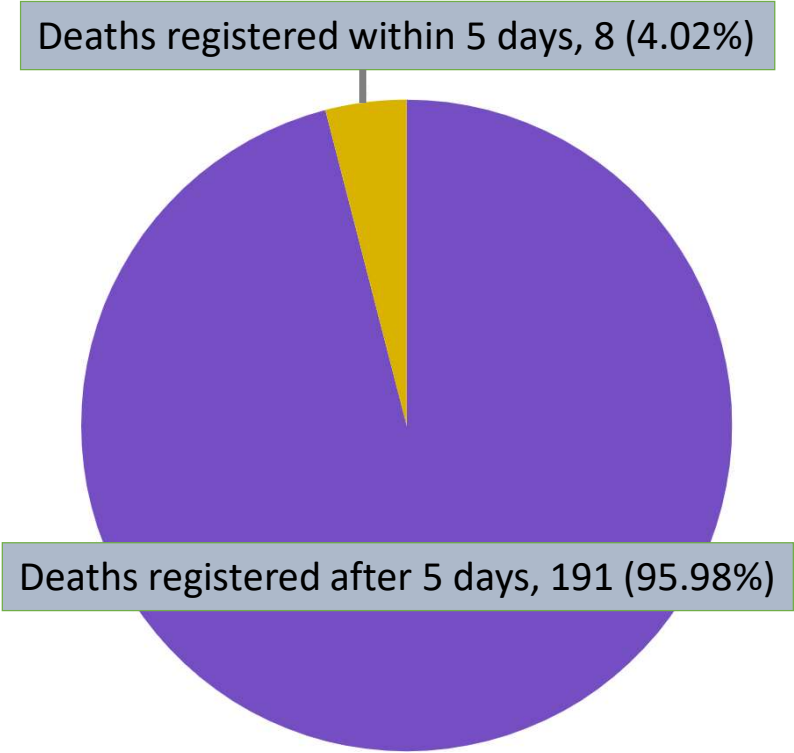
*Births inclusive of c.3,000 for partnership  
districts*



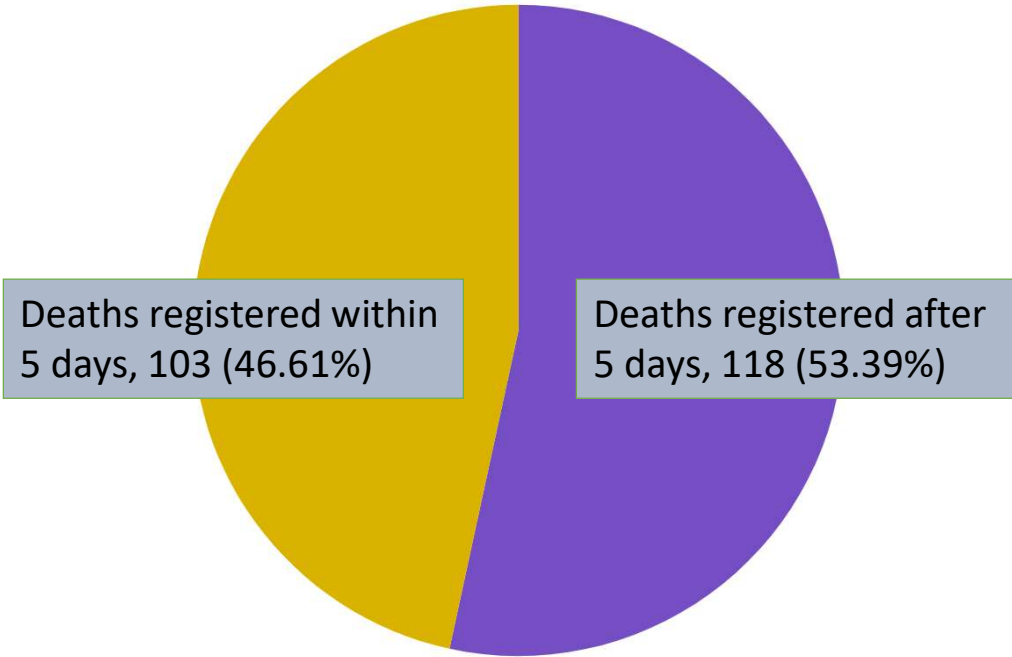


# Data snapshot – deaths registered within 5 days

Week beg: 04/10/21



Week beg: 29/11/21





With all the changes COVID had brought with it I was most nervous about the ceremony not feeling 'normal' but our registrars made us feel so comfortable



Our lovely registrars changed as much of the ceremony wording as they legally could in order to make it personal for us

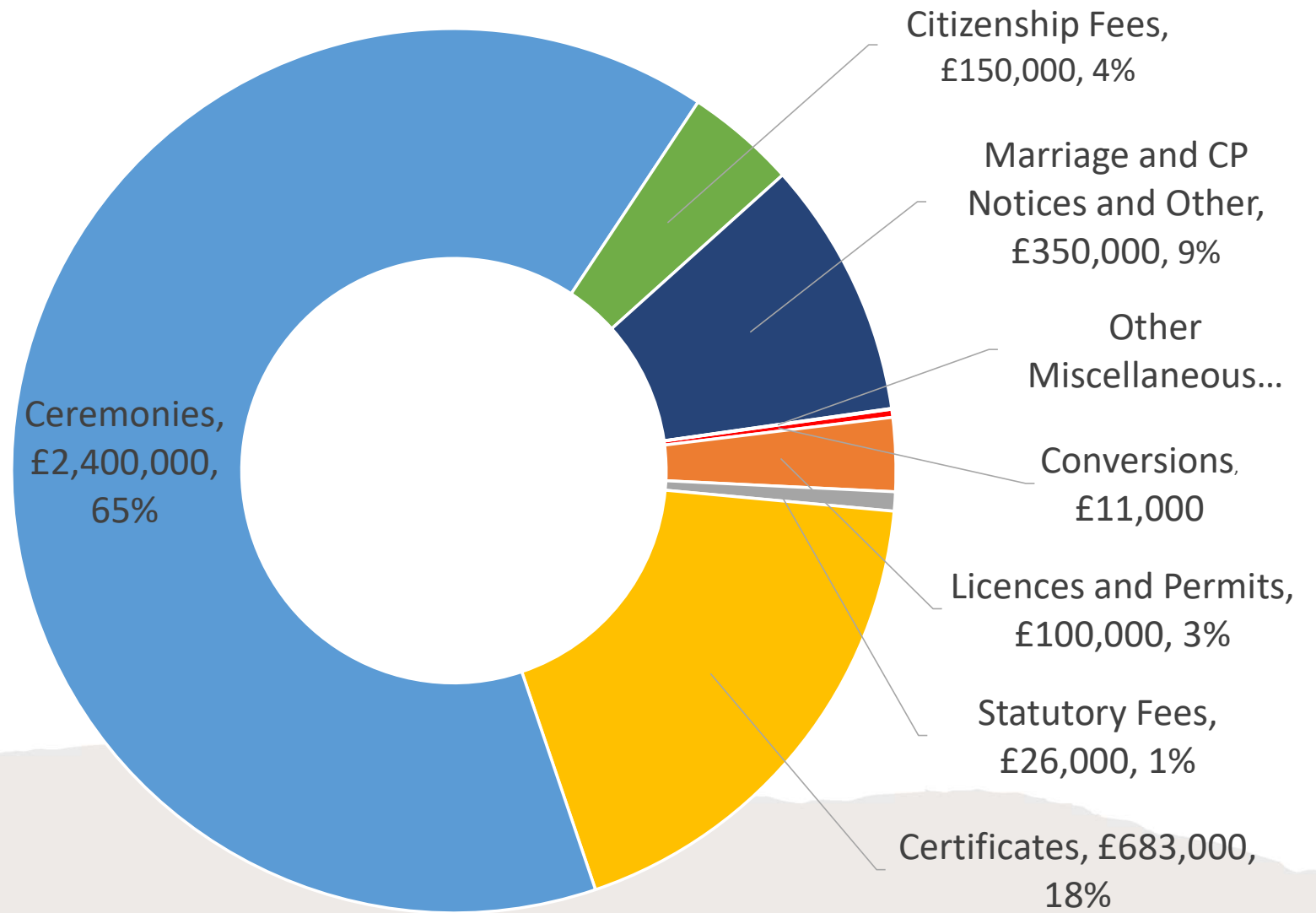


Thank you Yasmin & David for sharing your special day with us

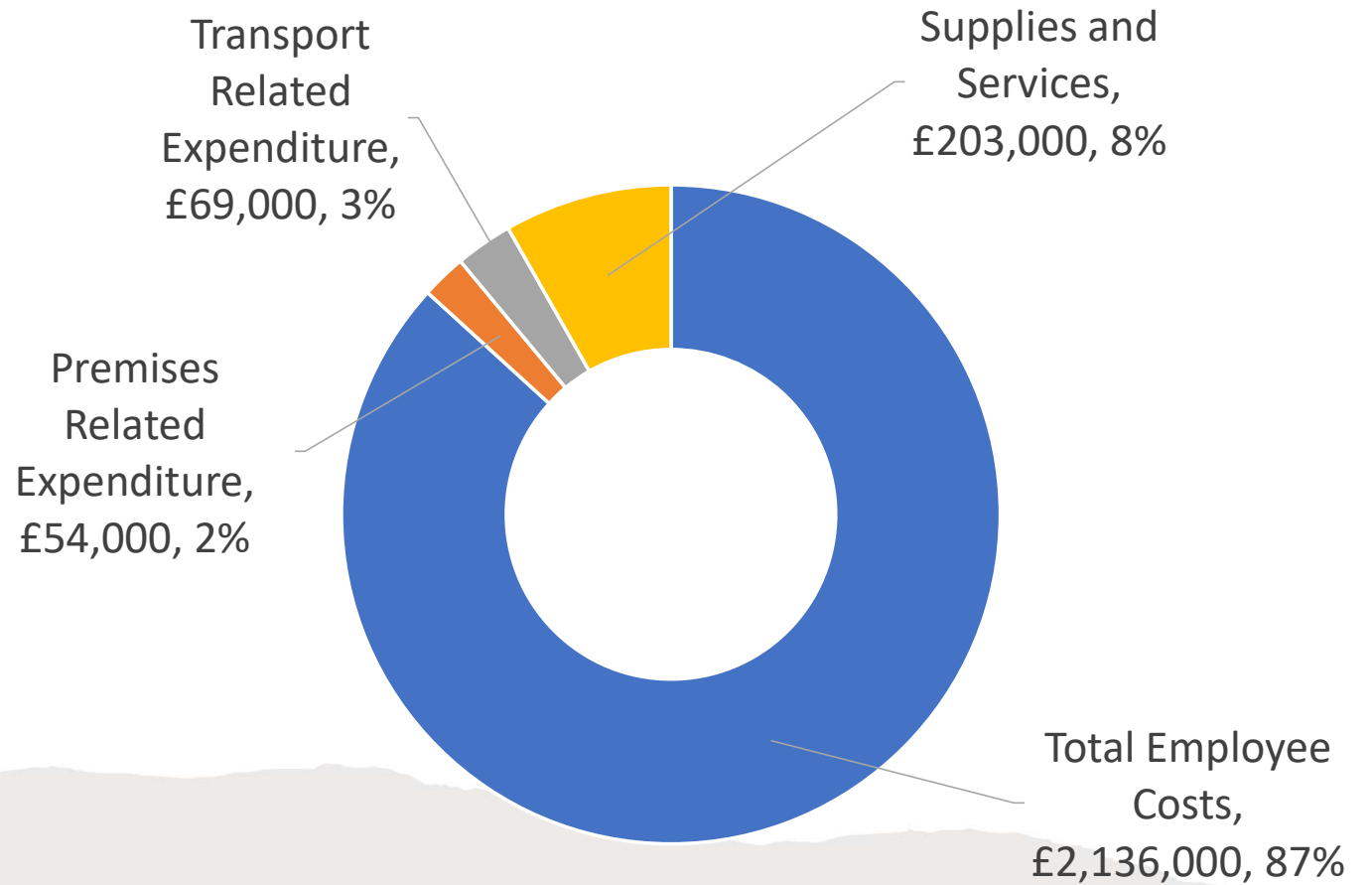




Total Income Budget  
Period 8 Forecast  
Nov 2021  
£3,721,000



Total Expenditure Budget  
Period 8 Forecast  
Nov 2021  
£2,462,000



## Total Net Income/Net Expenditure (P8)

	Annual Budget
	£
Net Current Expenditure	(1,259,000)
Expenditure	2,462,000
Income	(3,721,000)





# Protecting our income



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## Risks

- Law commission review of marriage reforms
- Independent celebrants

## Opportunities

- Marketing our profile
- Approved celebrants
- Online ceremony management system
- Develop approved venues portfolio
- #notjustawhitewedding
- Hampshire as a training provider
- Review fee setting processes

# Back to business



*Winchester Register Office*

Returning to face-to-face appointments

General Register Office transformation programme

Civil Partnerships for heterosexual couples

Relationships with Funeral Directors and Medical Examiner

May 2022 annual performance and compliance review

# In summary



We have a long and rich history of registering life events in Hampshire



We have supported communities throughout the pandemic



We are still in recovery but making good progress



We understand our opportunities for change and growth



We are ready for legislative change



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# Questions?