STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 468

The Marriage Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Determination of applications

- **20.**—(1) The authority shall not grant an approval if the application has not been made in accordance with these regulations.
 - (2) The authority shall not grant an approval if, in its opinion
 - (a) the place will compromise the solemnity and dignity of civil marriage;
 - (b) the place has a recent or continuing connection with any religious body or religious practice which would be incompatible with the use of that place for the solemnisation of civil marriages; or
 - (c) the place does not fulfil any other reasonable requirements which the authority considers appropriate to ensure that the facilities provided at the place are suitable.
 - (3) The authority shall not grant an approval without
 - (a) having regard to the guidance issued by the Registrar General under regulation 34; and
 - (b) taking account of any objections in respect of the application which have been made in accordance with regulation 19.
- (4) The authority shall not grant a place approval if, in its opinion, the applicant is not a fit and proper person.