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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision for and in relation to the approval of places by local authorities for the solemnisation of civil marriages. In particular the Regulations set out—

- (a) the parties who may apply for approval of a place for the solemnisation of a civil marriage (regulation 2) and the application procedures which those parties must follow for the different types of approval (period approvals and temporary approvals) (regulations 3 and 4);
- (b) the requirements for notification of applications by the local authority and third party objection procedure (regulations 5 and 6);
- (c) the considerations to be taken into account by a local authority in determining an application (regulation 7);
- (d) the procedure for attaching standard conditions to a period approval (as set out in the Schedule to the Regulations) and non-standard conditions to either period or temporary approvals (regulation 8), the notification of decisions (regulation 9), and a restriction on successive applications (regulation 10);
- (e) the duration of approvals and the procedure for renewal (regulations 11 and 12);
- (f) the determination and charging of fees by a local authority for the approval of places and renewal of approvals and in respect of the attendance by authorised registrars at approved places (regulation 13 and 14);
- (g) the grounds and procedures for revocation, suspension and variation of an approval (regulations 15 and 16);
- (h) the deeming of a person who takes over the interest in a period approval as the approval holder (regulation 17);
- (i) the requirements for the keeping of registers of approved places (regulation 18); and
- (j) the duty on the Registrar General to issue supplementary guidance (regulation 19).