

## CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR REGISTRARS

### WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

The Council has a statutory responsibility to provide a registration service. It includes:-

- Registering all Births Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships that occur within the Registration District of Darlington
- Undertaking civil preliminaries to marriage and civil partnership.
- Providing copy births, deaths, marriage and civil partnership certificates from current and historic registers from 1837 to the present day
- Provision of a depository and archive for all Registrations since 1837 for the district.
- Administering the licensing, registration and certification processes for approved venues and religious buildings.
- Collection of records of religious marriages that have occurred within the District.
- Provision of Citizenship Ceremonies and the appropriate administration.

### HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The core offer enables the Council to maintain its statutory obligations and also provides a net surplus for running the Service.

### DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

The Register Office has achieved a small surplus for running the service and also absorbed the additional Birth Registrations (following the closure of the consultant led maternity units at both Bishop Auckland and The Friarage Hospitals) when births and subsequent birth registrations/declarations have transferred to Darlington Memorial Hospital.

### WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

#### 2019/20 – (£51,222)

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| £224,062   | Registrars Team  |
| (£273,718) | Fees and charges |
| (1,566)    | Overheads        |