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Our Island Plan:

Building A Secure,
Vibrant And Sustainable
Future For Our Island

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Minister & Members' Foreword



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Over the past six months, as the Political team for the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, we have met and worked with a team of experienced, passionate and committed officers. We have taken time to understand the wide variety of areas of responsibility of the Department, which is perhaps best known for the support it provides to our farming and fishing communities. However the range of services delivered from the Department is significantly broader than this and we have been impressed by the wide variety of services that the Department offers for our whole community.

Together we have mapped out our plan for the next 5 years that will deliver towards the Island Plan and contribute strongly to the Climate Change Action Plan.

Our fishing community, agricultural sector, food producers and local retailers are fundamental to our sustainability as an Island community, and in recent times it has become clearer just how important food security is to our Island; working with all parts of our food chain is a priority in the coming years to ensure they remain reliable, effective and successful.

Our land and seas are vital to us and it is important that we protect, promote and positively enhance them. Our biosphere is recognised by UNESCO for its special environment, culture, heritage and economy and its people's desire to cherish and nurture them.

Our environment, and natural amenities enhance our quality of life and provide opportunities for positive health and wellbeing, it is important that we maintain and promote these for the benefit of our community and our visitors.

Our Planning and Building Control systems seek to deliver sustainable development made in alignment with policy objectives that improve quality environments, while our Registered Buildings team protect and conserve our built environment, providing a balance between protecting heritage and enabling economic progress.

Our regulatory services seek to deliver in a clear, open and transparent manner placing high standards of compliance at the centre of all that we do.

We are proud to be able to support and lead this Department and set out our objectives in this plan to be reported on annually.

About Us

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA) works to protect and enhance the Island's natural and built assets within the core principles of environmental, economic and social sustainability; whilst optimising quality of life, international reputation, food production, energy security and outdoor amenity.

The Department works in partnership with all sectors of the Manx Community to protect and enhance the essentials of life – food, air, land and water and to minimise the impact of work activities and food borne and infectious disease on the people who live, work and visit our Island.

The Department has policy responsibility for animal health and welfare, environmental protection, energy, food, farming, forestry, fisheries, ecosystems and building control.



Our Purpose



to develop a reliable, sustainable and self-reliant Manx food chain



to create attractive and sustainable 'places' and an economy achieving long term growth, whilst improving the quality of life in the Isle of Man



to assess and negotiate on planning proposals ensuring alignment with Government Planning Policy



to protect our most significant buildings using the Protected Buildings Register



to develop and implement Building Control legislation, to ensure buildings are safe, accessible and conserve fuel and water



to work closely with the Climate Change Transformation Programme to work towards a net zero future



to enable all Isle of Man residents and visitors to enjoy safe home, work and social environments which are free from the risk of illness, disease, injury and nuisance



to work to ensure that that our food is safe, our community is free from agents that will affect our health and to reduce pollutant discharge into our water, land or air



to support the continued growth of the export food industry and to ensure consumers across the world have access to safe Manx products



to build on the high quality of life enjoyed by our community, ensuring the efficient and responsible use of land, environmental and other physical resources and infrastructure



to sensitively manage and encourage recreational and commercial activity across the estate for the benefit of our community, our economy and our visitors



to manage and protect fisheries and their supporting ecosystems to balance the social, environmental and economic needs of the Island and meet our international obligations



to provide educational and nature-based amenities for our community and visitors



to monitor and protect tree health and seek to maintain the woodland environment and character of the countryside



to safeguard animal health and welfare for the benefit of animals, people, the environment and the economy



to work to ensure that the valuable resources of wild animals and natural habitats are properly managed and effectively conserved for future generations

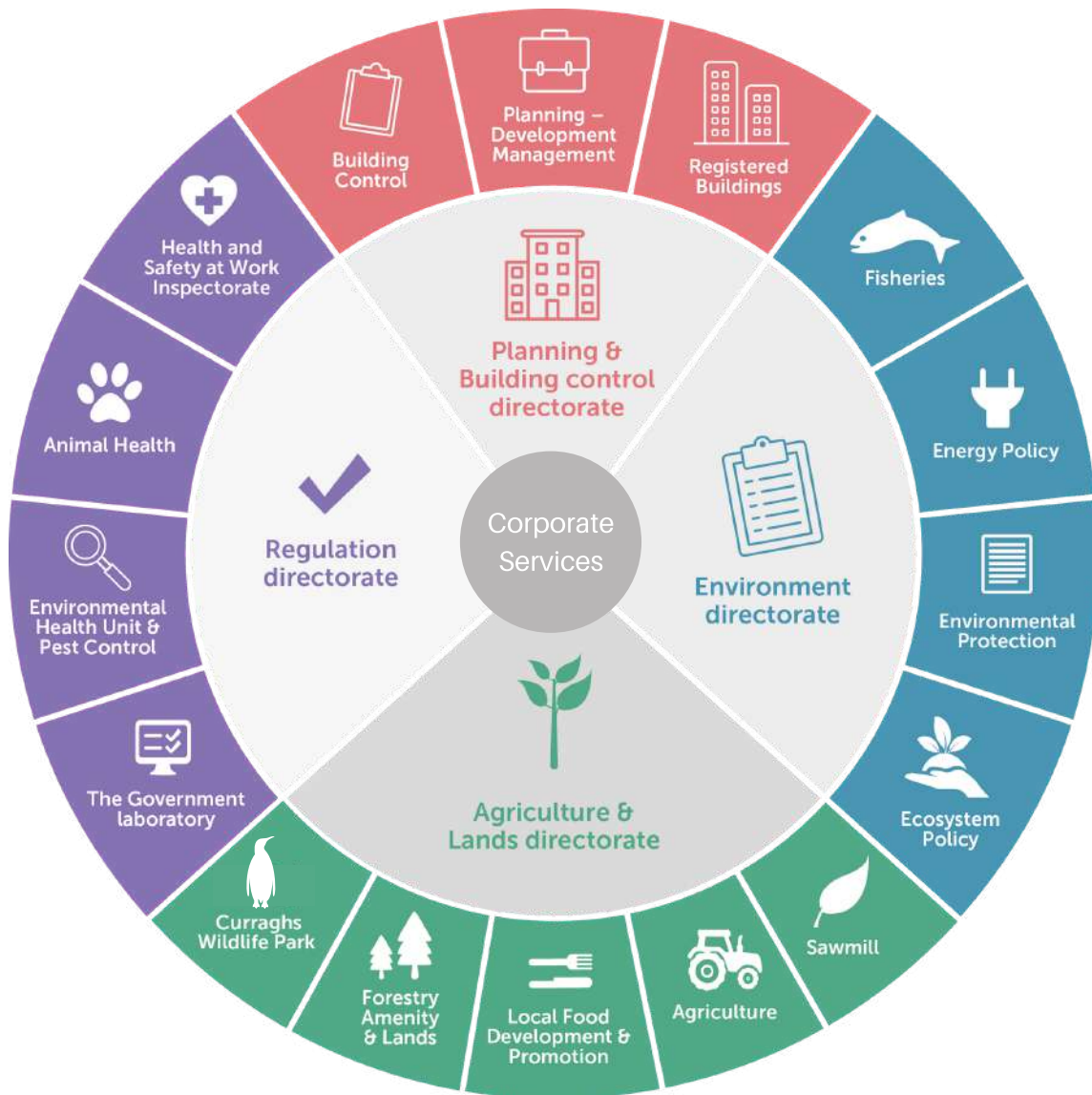


to provide analytical support to Government, key agencies, businesses and the general public through the Government Analyst Laboratory



to operate an efficient sawmill that plays both an integral part to our forestry management plan, and offers a quality Manx product for our community

Our Areas of Responsibility



Regulatory Services Sponsored by the Department

DEFA supplies staff and resources through service level agreements to operate the legally separate bodies of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and the Road Transport Licensing Committee (RTLCL) which also operate from the Thie Slieau Whallian site in St Johns. DEFA is the political sponsor for the OFT and RTLCL. This plan does not include objectives or actions for these bodies (with the exception of the legislative programme).

Office of Fair Trading

The OFT works to provide the appropriate legislation, advice, and compliance services to benefit and protect our Island's consumers and businesses from unfair trading practices.

Road Transport Licensing Committee

The RTLCL acts as an independent tribunal body of Government with responsibility for regulating the operators, vehicles and drivers who transport passengers on public roads as well as regulating goods vehicles over 3,500 kg and the people who operate them.

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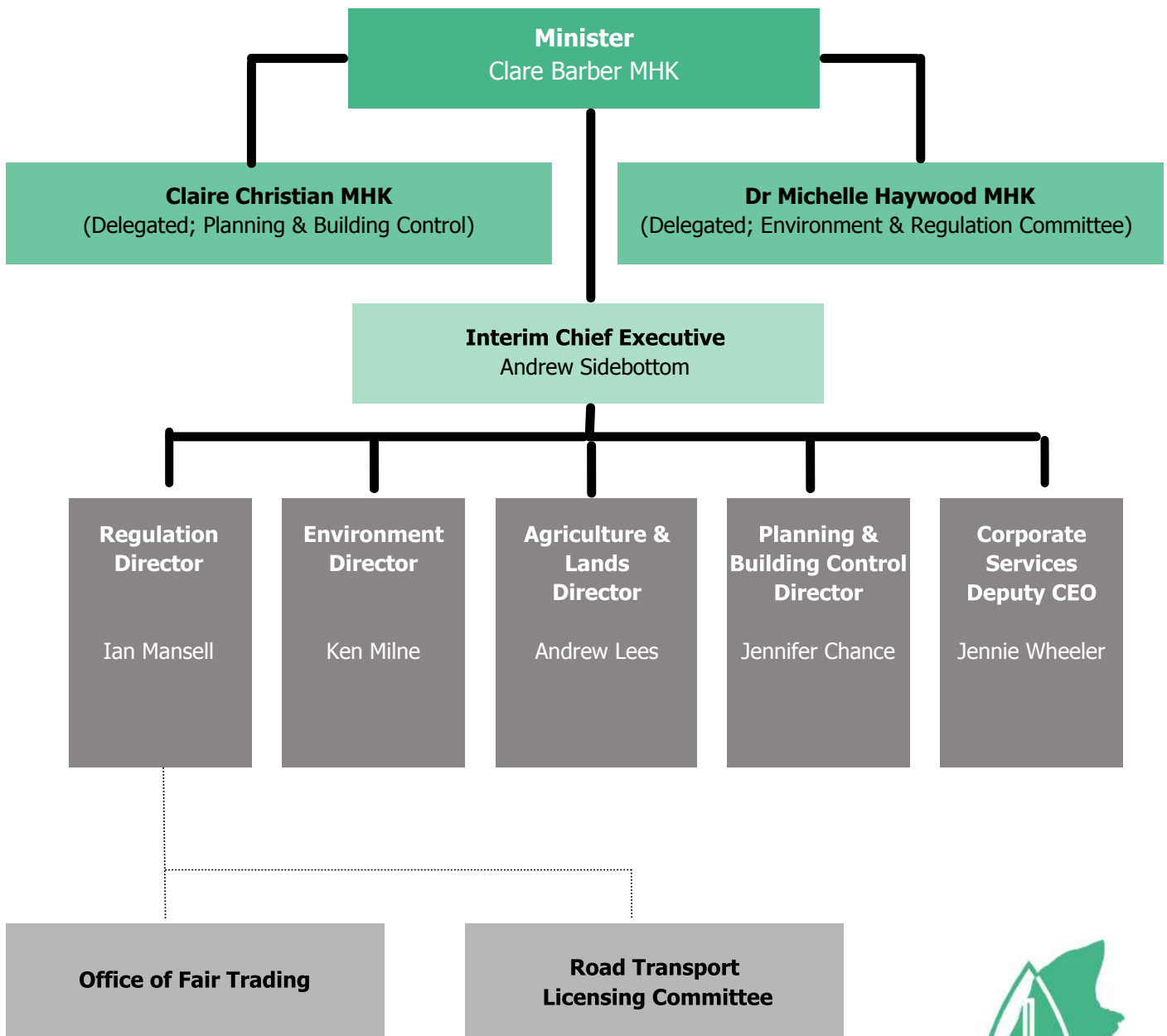
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Our Structure



Our Vision & Values

Our Department Vision

In DEFA we work together as a team taking pride in delivering the very best, sustainable service to make a positive difference to our community



We value, trust and respect one another



We positively support, influence and inspire each other



Innovation and creativity are recognised and appreciated



We communicate clearly, openly and honestly



Continuous improvement is promoted

4. Island Plan Delivery; Actions the Department will lead

The following table sets out the responsibilities assigned to the Department through the Island Plan, detailing the objectives the Department is accountable for delivering with actions and timescale for delivery. Delivery of these actions will be reported quarterly.

Island Plan Objective	Island Plan Action(s)	Department Action(s)	Delivery Date
Support and protect a natural and built environment which respects our rich culture, biodiversity and sense of place	Updated Environmental Protection Policies by April 2023 together with associated legislation re-drafted for debate	Introduce Integrated Prevention of Pollution Control (IPPC) regime as in the UK, through Environmental Protection Regulations	April 2023
	Deliver the UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man strategy and achieve re-accreditation by 2026	Implement Biosphere Vision and Strategy with annual 5Es projects and reporting	First annual report 2023
		Contract out the review of Biosphere work for reporting 2026	December 2025
Environmental considerations are embedded across government decisions and infrastructure supporting a natural and built environment which respects and protects our rich culture, biodiversity and sense of place		Develop a plan to engage across government on environmental matters, with Government leading, by ensuring biodiversity conservation is being considered in all relevant areas of policy and decision making, actively encouraging good practice and adopting all appropriate incentives to support biodiversity	July 2025
		Consult and develop Sustainable Forest Management Plans with the potential aim to attain FSC accreditation	
Ensure energy, food, water and digital security	Develop and publish a plan for food security by December 2023	Consult with key stakeholders on what the future outcomes are required, draft plan by Dec 22 for consultation	December 2023
	Introduce Energy Bill as a priority	The Energy Bill will contain measures to provide additional powers to guarantee continued energy supply	June 2022
	Develop a plan for energy security for our Island with support from the Climate Change Transformation Board. Publish the plan by March 2023	Produce a strategy that reflects current energy security concerns and is integrated with and supportive of plans for net zero	March 2023

Island Plan Objective	Island Plan Action(s)	Department Action(s)	Delivery Date
Ensure the future of Agriculture meets the needs of the Island, people and farming community	Publish a plan for the Future of Agriculture by April 2023	Consult with key stakeholders on what the future outcomes are required, draft plan by Oct 22 for consultation	April 2023
Raise environmental and health protection standards for clean air, watercourses and bathing water	Review areas considered as bathing areas based on use not designation	Review bathing water monitoring programme carried out in addition to that required in accordance with the Water Pollution (Bathing Water Standards and Objectives) Scheme 2021 Review the location of monitoring sites around the island, frequency of air quality testing and where appropriate consider increasing monitoring of pollutants	October 2022
	Investigate how regular, year round bathing water quality testing and air quality monitoring can be achieved and implement appropriate monitoring	Put forward proposals for monitoring bathing waters outside of the bathing water season Review the location of monitoring sites around the island, frequency of air quality testing and where appropriate consider increasing the pollutants to be monitored	October 2022
	Meet and where possible exceed international standards in relation to environmental waste, ensuring that there is no intentional discharge of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) into waters, including bays	Review EQS Standard agreed by Tynwald (currently set at 15ng/l) by December 2025 Continue to apply Best Available Technology to manage and control emissions of PCBs present in landfill leachate to the marine environment	December 2025



Island Plan Delivery; Actions the Department will support

DEFA will be supporting the delivery of the following Island Plan objectives, working in partnership with other Government Departments.

What	How	Lead Department
Seek to address issues of affordability, homelessness, security of tenancy and vacant or derelict properties.	Establish the Housing and Communities Board by January 2022 to bring together and focus policy and actions across Government on a home for all. This will include legislative, financial and practical interventions as appropriate as a priority for our Island, so that public and private sector housing is accessible, secure and affordable. First action plan published on Tynwald Register of Business by March 2022.	Cabinet Office
Ensure our towns and villages are clean, well-maintained and provide the basis for our people to build great communities.	Create a draft regular road, pathway and leisure route maintenance Charter by March 2022 for consultation with a final Charter implemented by December 2022. Working in partnership with local authorities where responsibility sits with them, with clear policy and legislation to ensure accountabilities are clear.	Department of Infrastructure
Take account of and address demographic challenges.	Consider policies and impact relating to demographics and population.	Treasury
Identify clear and acceptable ways of transitioning to carbon neutrality and meet our Climate Change plan objectives.	Develop an integrated and socially inclusive Transport Strategy with recommendations and delivery plan which meets the needs of communities, keeps people connected in work, leisure and access to services and supports transition to Net Zero. Initial scoping completed by June 2022.	Department of Infrastructure
Ensure infrastructure can adapt to or is planned to take account of climate extremes and build 'sustainable-first' foundations for future generations by being prepared to adapt our defences to extreme weather events.	Develop a plan for Climate Change Adaptation, including flood management and mitigation, and deliver the recommendations and priorities from the independent review undertaken by ARUP in 2019 and National Strategy on Sea Defences, Flooding and Coastal Erosion (2016). National strategy on sea defences, flooding and coastal erosion completed by December 2022.	Department of Infrastructure
Deliver sustainable sewage treatment and waste management for the Island.	Report on Waste Strategy submitted to Tynwald by July 2022 with recommendations and delivery plan.	Department of Infrastructure
Children have the best possible start in life, including equal access to early years education.	Consider the potential role, benefit and remit of a Children's Commissioner and Child First policy approach across Government.	Cabinet Office

What	How	Lead Department
Promote healthy lifestyles and acknowledge the role of quality of life in a healthy and well society.	Recognise the link between healthy places, active lifestyles and overall wellbeing in policy choices and promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle through Public Health awareness campaigns.	Cabinet Office
Policies and services which mean that people can make healthy choices, in communities that are safe, and with infrastructure and design in towns and villages which promotes and supports health and wellbeing.	Identify and remove barriers that prevent a healthy and active lifestyle Driven by intelligence and evidence, ensure the root causes of health and wellbeing inequalities are addressed in all policies.	Cabinet Office (Public Health)
Policies and services which mean that people can make healthy choices, in communities that are safe, and with infrastructure and design in towns and villages which promotes and supports health and wellbeing.	Consider how sport and active recreational facilities can be supported.	Cabinet Office (Public Health)
Ensure infrastructure can adapt to or is planned to take account of climate extremes and build 'sustainable-first' foundations for future generations by being prepared to adapt our defences to extreme weather events.	Develop a plan for Climate Change Adaptation, including flood management and mitigation, and deliver the recommendations and priorities from the independent review undertaken by ARUP in 2019 and National Strategy on Sea Defences, Flooding and Coastal Erosion (2016). National strategy on sea defences, flooding and coastal erosion completed by December 2022.	Department of Infrastructure
Ensure new developments align with our sustainability goals, existing homes can become more environmentally friendly and Conservation Areas are protected and enhanced.	Ensure our planning policies and legislation are fit for purpose by completing a review by October 2022 ensuring alignment with Climate Change targets and initiatives and sustainability.	Cabinet Office
Policies and services which mean that people can make healthy choices, in communities that are safe, and with infrastructure and design in towns and villages which promotes and supports health and wellbeing.	Identify and remove barriers that prevent a healthy and active lifestyle.	Cabinet Office (Public Health)



Department Objectives

Objective	Directorate	Delivery Date
For the benefit of our community and our visitors deliver the annual management plan for the public footpaths and green landscape within the remit of the Department, whilst supporting bio-diversity	Agriculture and Lands	December 2023
To update and improve the planning process, with a targeted review of the Town and Country Planning Act and the Development Procedure Order	Planning and Building Control	December 2023
Take actions to aid the ease of determination of applications to improve delivery of climate change objectives	Planning and Building Control	December 2023
Identify and implement measures to mitigate carbon emissions from the Department's estate, role modelling energy efficiency savings	Corporate Services	December 2023
Support and enable our community and visitors to access, and maximise the benefits from the use of our lands and natural amenities to support leisure, health and well being	Agriculture and Lands	January 2024
Identify how to maximise the use of our community spaces to improve the visitor offering	Agriculture and Lands	April 2024
Work with Visit Isle of Man to support the growth of the visitor proposition, and available visitor accommodation	Agriculture and Lands	June 2026
Review the benefits and costs associated with the Curragh's Wildlife Park, developing a long term strategy	Agriculture and Lands	December 2023
Develop and deliver a plan to continue to support the local Food and Drink industry with promotion and support	Agriculture and Lands	April 2023
Develop a sea fisheries strategy providing a long-term fisheries management framework to ensure sustainable fisheries and diversification for the sector	Environment	December 2023
Work with local business to ensure they comply with new Veterinary Medicine regulations to enable them to continue to trade in Veterinary medicines	Regulation	December 2024
Review the Department's Enforcement Policy for all regulatory functions	All	December 2022
Contribute to the development of a Regulatory Authority on the Isle of Man	Regulation	December 2022
Provide guidance on conforming to current Manx regulations and EU standards, through the Government Analyst Laboratory	Regulation	April 2023
Identify the specialist roles and skills shortage within the Department and work with DfE and DESC to develop a plan as to how these skills can be developed on-island	All	July 2023
Introduce a food hygiene ratings scheme for food premises on the Island	Regulation	December 2024
Develop a King Scallop long-term management plan to ensure sustainable fisheries	Environment	August 2022
Deliver the biodiversity strategy and when appropriate use ASSIs to protect sensitive areas	Environment	December 2025
Deliver the single use plastic reduction plans & introduce new regulations	Environment	October 2022 / ongoing
Develop and deliver a revised testing regime for air quality providing a comparison of results with previous years, contributing towards a healthy environment for all	Regulation	July 2022
Work with the Cabinet Office to understand the opportunities available to develop a sustainable living policy	Cabinet Office and DEFA	April 2023
Consult and develop Sustainable Forest Management Plans with the long-term aim to attain FSC accreditation	Agriculture and Lands	July 2026
Develop a long term strategy for the Island's glens and plantations that supports the current visitor strategy	Agriculture and Lands	July 2024
Introduce an IOM equivalent to the UK's asbestos regulations to close a gap in current health and safety regulatory controls	Regulation	June 2022
Update health and safety legislation to align with best practice elsewhere namely the Health and Safety at Work Order 2022 and Management regulations to be updated by 2023	Regulation	July 2023
Bring forward proposals to further improve Building Regulations (such as standards for new builds) by setting the standards to match the new Future Homes Standard being implemented in the UK	Planning and Building Control	April 2024
Review and develop our policy and secondary legislation on registered buildings, ensuring the right balance between protecting heritage and enabling economic progress	Planning and Building Control	January 2024

Department Legislative Five Year Programme

What	Detail	Directorate
Animal Welfare Bill	To overhaul of our principal law relating to animal welfare. It will ensure owners and keepers have a duty of care to their companion and kept animals, and animal needs are met. This enabling legislation is aimed at keeping pace with a fast-evolving landscape on animal welfare law in the UK	Regulation Directorate
Energy Bill	To provide measures that will provide additional guarantees of security of supply to Island consumers, in light of the ongoing volatility in global energy markets. This will complement the broader market reform measures being introduced through the Gas (Economic Regulation) Bill	Environment
Estate Agents Bill	To replace the Estate Agents Act 1975 and the not in force Estate Agents Act 1999 to provide a modern consumer protection framework around the sale and lease of property	OFT - Trading Standards
Agricultural Marketing Bill	To review and update the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1934 etc	Agriculture and Lands - Agriculture



Climate Change Action Plan (draft); The Departments contribution to Net Zero Emissions

The following draft actions, set out in the proposed Climate Change Action Plan, are proposed to be supported or led by the Department. The Climate Change Action Plan will be debated and voted on in Tynwald in July 2022. Once approved this section of the Department Plan will be updated.

Action (in draft)	Directorate
Establish and implement a Low Carbon Energy Strategy based on the Future Energy Scenarios and agreed at a political level, to provide the route to deliver the Island's clean energy by 2032	MU, DEFA, COMIN
Undertake regular, year-round air quality monitoring and review the scope and need for any necessary legislation (such as a Clean Air Act)	DEFA
Accelerate awareness initiatives to help consumers understand their carbon footprint and how they can reduce their energy use	All Government
Work with stakeholders to explore renewable heating options to be standard in all new build properties, in advance of the existing mandatory requirements from 2025	Construction Isle of Man, DEFA, DfE
Introduce the Appointed Day Order for Town and Country Planning Act 1999 and Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure) Order 1999	DEFA, CABO
Develop, and implement, a Renewable Heating Strategy taking account of the Renewable heating Scenarios report and the Biofuels Feasibility report which delivers our domestic and commercial building heating and cooling needs renewably	MU, DOI, DEFA
Commencement of a public information campaign to help the public better understand the various low carbon heating technology options	MU, DOI, DEFA, CABO
Start to phase out fossil fuel heating system replacements from 2025 onwards	MU, DOI, DEFA, AGs
Introduce a statutory requirement for publication of Energy Performance Certificates for sale and rental of homes and other buildings at point of sale or change in occupancy. Consider appropriate efficiency thresholds for the rental sector	DEFA, AGs
Enable the reduction in residential energy use by 2027, through energy efficiency and home heating initiatives, supported by the Green Living Grant and Energy Efficiency Scheme and explore other financial incentives	DEFA, DfE
Review Planning policy to ensure future planning application decisions take account of, and where possible contribute to, the emissions reduction initiatives across all segments and where possible, provide Biodiversity Net Gain	CABO, DEFA
Bringing forward proposals to further improve Building Regulations for new builds by setting the standards to match the new Future Homes Standard being implemented in the UK	DEFA
Explore banning the sale of hard coal for burning and, peat in a preliminary phase, with later consideration for banning the burning of wet wood	DEFA, AGs
Explore banning the sale of conventional light bulbs and the scope to ban low efficiency domestic white goods	DEFA, AGs
Review the Green Living Grant Scheme and Energy Efficiency Scheme	DfE, DEFA

Objective	Directorate
Continue to promote and support local provision of government services in communities	All government
Carry out a study of specific Manx issues around the whole life cycle climate and SDG implications, recycling and disposal of electric vehicle batteries and plan for sustainable recycling and disposal	Internal, DEFA, DOI
Undertake research to better understand Manx agricultural emissions, as well as, opportunities and mechanisms for their reduction	DEFA/ MNFU
Develop an Isle of Man Agriculture Emissions Reduction Strategy to identify opportunities for 7.5% net reduction in emissions by 2027. Consider the scope for on farm advisory support to enable each business to identify their own action plan	DEFA/ MNFU
Implement the Isle of Man Agriculture Emissions Reduction Strategy as part of the Agricultural Strategy 2023	DEFA/ MNFU
Continue to promote local consumption of local food, whilst improving consumer understanding of the carbon footprint of the imported and local food they consume. Explore the scope to introduce evidence based, meaningful labelling of locally produced foods	DEFA
Work with the industry to establish a range of low emissions local case studies showing best practice in emissions reduction, increased sequestration and improvement to ecosystems and biodiversity	DEFA/ MNFU
Develop the effectiveness of the Agri-Environment Scheme and other support schemes to deliver emissions reductions, enhance sequestration and protect biodiversity, whilst improving business efficiency	DEFA
Develop a mechanism for accurately tracking, reporting and calculating land use change across the Island to ensure accurate data is available for annual inventory reporting	DEFA/ CCTT
Commit to effectively protecting and where required restoring 20% of our land area by 2030, including our peatland	DEFA
Undertake a significant catchment scale trial focussing on increasing carbon sequestration, habitat protection and flood risk management. To be delivered as an early output from the Land Management Plan	DEFA
Commission and implement a Land Management Plan — to include actions to increase natural carbon capture by 4,500t/year by 2027	DEFA/ CCTT
Bring forwards an Appointed Day Order in place for a ban on peat cutting and register of peatland and seek to introduce a ban on the sale and use of peat-based compost	DEFA
Review Government's relevant legislation, regulations, schemes, incentives and codes of practice for consistency with protecting natural carbon sequestration, biodiversity and ecosystem conservation, and alignment with our international obligations	CABO / DEFA
Undertake a study for alternative natural land management practices, robustly assessing emissions and ecosystems benefits, plus stakeholder perspectives, with a view to undertaking a trial	DEFA, MWT
Undertake a feasibility study of a rewilding trial in a Manx context, robustly assessing emissions and ecosystems benefits, plus stakeholder perspectives, with a view to undertaking a trial	DEFA, MWT
As part of the Climate Change Funding Strategy, develop a five-year funding plan for ecosystems and biodiversity implementation which enables tree planting, peat restoration and wetlands enhancement, to ensure sequestration is on track to achieve the required carbon removals by 2050	CCTT / DEFA

Objective	Directorate
Review waste management across the Island and produce a waste management strategy – considering waste collection, prevention, recycling, repurposing and treatment	DOI/LA/DEFA
Develop and deliver an ambitious blue carbon strategy to realise multiple benefits for climate change, biodiversity, fisheries, recreation, tourism and well-being, informed by the outcome of the pilot project	DEFA
Report on first phase of blue carbon project and if appropriate, undertake first blue carbon pilot restoration project	DEFA
Ensure that all known seagrass and saltmarsh is mapped, monitored and effectively protected	DEFA
Work with the fishing industry to continue to reduce the carbon footprint of trawling and dredging and increase the value of catches and cutting fuel costs (and associated emissions)	DEFA/ MFPO
Work with fishing industry to review and where possible, reduce fuel use	DEFA/ MFPO
Develop Marine Spatial Planning to protect blue carbon and facilitate strategic decision making on the use of marine area. Review the scope to effectively increase the protected area of the Manx territorial sea by 2030 for the benefit of blue carbon, ecosystems and biodiversity and sustainable fisheries	DOI/DEFA
Delivery of new Adaptation strategy, taking account of a new assessment of climate impacts and risks and opportunities in each department, all areas of society, economy and nature	ALL Government
Develop an effective emissions reduction scheme to facilitate carbon offset type investment in climate action and restoration of ecosystems and biodiversity in the Isle of Man	Treasury, Private sector, DEFA
Publish the 'Climate Change Duties—Guidance for Public Bodies', make and submit to Tynwald the 'Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2022'. This is expected to introduce annual reporting to commence from 2023 onwards, once guidance has been in place for one full operating year. The first reports to be reviewed to enable improved guidance and consideration of the role of a designated Monitor, if appropriate	DEFA
Complete and implement Fair Change Framework across all public bodies, via the statutory 'Climate Change Duties - Guidance for Public Bodies'	All public bodies
Develop and deliver a series of civil service, public body and political member climate and ecosystems training to give everyone the tools to understand and implement climate action, to 'make every job a climate job'	All public bodies, Tynwald, LEAD
Develop and implement government waste policy, including food waste and recycling	All Departments
Implement measures to maximise opportunities and minimise risks associated with climate change across the government estate	All Departments
Work across all of the Island to reduce food waste and reduce the wasted emissions which they represent	DOI, DEFA, CABO, Private Sector
Ensure full implementation of the Government and Community Plastics Plans and new plastics legislation	DEFA, CABO
Develop and publish dashboards that report Government action, its impact on emissions and other benefits	All Government
Develop programmes to enable people to actively participate in shaping our plans and policies, fairly and inclusively especially in areas which requires societal change, e.g. heating, transport, circular economy, investment decisions and food supply	All Government
Work with partners and stakeholders to help people make the connections with nature and biodiversity (e.g. UNESCO Biosphere)	DEFA, Private Sector

5. Progress on Previous Delivery Plan

Through the Programme for Government the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture was responsible for delivering the following actions;

Programme for Government Outcome	Action	Achievement
We have affordable and accessible housing which meets our social and economic needs	Introduce the Houses in Multiple Occupation standards and monitoring regime	The process to enable the Registration of Houses in Multiple Occupation commenced in 2017. The Environmental Health Team, as authorised officers of the Island's Local Authorities, inspect HMOs to ensure compliance with the Housing (Standards) Regulations 2017
	To negotiate affordable housing contribution as part of planning applications	The Planning team entered into legal agreements that enabled affordable housing to be delivered
We have more responsive legislation and regulation	Introduce a Competition Bill into the branches	The Competition Bill 2020, was approved by Tynwald and received Royal Assent in October 2021
	Amend the Town and Country Planning Act Amend the Development Procedure Order	The primary and secondary legislation relating to Planning was amended to introduce, inter alia, National Policy Directives and Minor Change Applications
We are an Island where people choose to live and visit	Introduce new and improved design guidance and minimum standards for new developments	Introduced the Residential Design Guidance
	Ensure Agri-Food export trade continues after the UK's withdrawal from the EU	Extensive work was undertaken by regulatory teams to ensure compliance/alignment with UK/EU27 to enable essential trade. Work continues to this day to maintain the status of the Island for trade
	Introduce the Animal Welfare Bill to update regulatory controls in relation to animal welfare	The Department developed and brought forward Animal Welfare Legislation in 2021. Work continues on this Bill and it is expected to enter the branches in June 2022
We have a planning system which supports sustainable growth	Introduce an on-line planning application process	Planning applications have been able to be submitted on line since October 2020
We have a natural and built environment which we conserve and cherish and which is adapted to cope with the threats of climate change	Implement an energy efficiency scheme	The Department brought in the Energy Efficiency Scheme 2018 and assisted with the development of the Green Living Grant Scheme 2021
	Co-ordinate the development of a strategy to deal with Governments plastic waste	In May 2018 the Council of Ministers approved the 'single use plastics reduction plan for the Isle of Man government', as developed by the team in DEFA
	Introduce a 10 year agricultural strategy focusing on productivity and environmental gains	The Department developed, and consulted upon, a 10 year Agri-Environment scheme which Tynwald approved in 2019
	Introduce an All Island Action Plan for Single Use Plastics	In July 2019 the Council of Ministers presented to Tynwald the Single Use Plastic Reduction Plan for the Isle of Man Community
	Propose and implement appropriate Bathing Water Quality Standards for the Island	The Environmental Protection Team developed, and have since introduced the 'Water Pollution (bathing water standards and objectives) Scheme 2021'
	Introduce a management plan for the 0-3nm Marine Zone	Nine new Isle of Man 0-3 nm Marine Nature Reserves were designated by Tynwald in July 2018

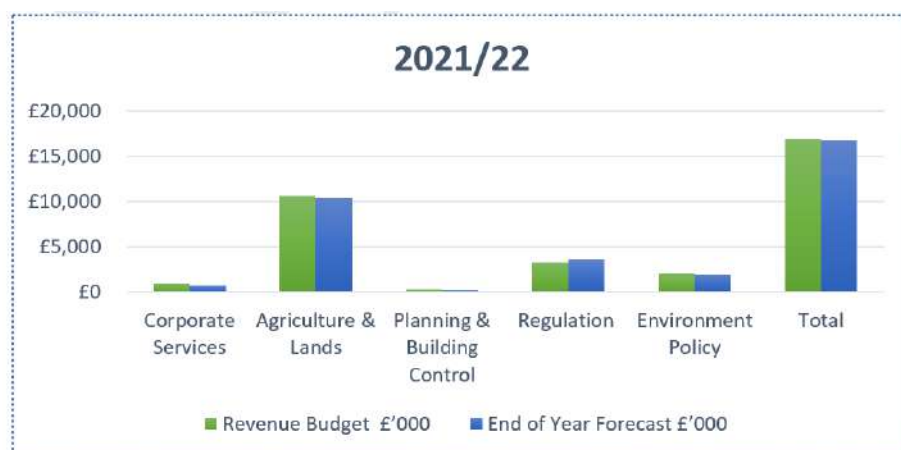
Programme for Government Outcome	Action	Achievement
	Bring Forward an action plan for CO2 Emissions	DEFA led a team of cross government officers and developed a Climate Action Plan, on behalf of the Council of Ministers, which Tynwald unanimously approved on 21 January 2020
	Introduce a Climate Change Bill that will provide the legal framework to enable the delivery of net zero emissions by 2050	The Climate Change Act 2021, which sets the legal framework for planning, monitoring and reporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions needed to reach net zero, received Royal Assent in December 2021
	Update Building Regulations	Building Regulations updated to include increased ratings for energy efficiency of new building work
We have more responsive legislation and regulation	Introduce a Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	The Environmental Health Team have developed a Food Rating Scheme ("scores on the doors") for food premises, a transparent assessment regime with a proactive food premises inspection programme. It is anticipated this scheme will be approved by Tynwald in 2022
	Introduce the Estate Agents Bill to update the regulatory controls on estate agents	Work was undertaken to develop the Estate Agents (Amendment) Bill. Due to other competing demands, and the impact of COVID-19, this Bill is scheduled for progression in 2024/25



6. Department Financial Position

The table below presents a summary of the Department's revenue expenditure budget, by division and end of year forecast for 2021/22.

Division	Revenue Budget £'000	End of Year Forecast £'000	Commentary
Corporate Services	£785	£699	During the year the Division has covered the costs associated with accommodating the DESC into Thie Slieau Whallian.
Agriculture & Lands	£10,610	£10,381	The full year forecast includes £2.5m subvention to the IoM Meat Company Limited. The largest budget within the Division is for Agricultural grants which allows for up to almost £7m of support. The Division also includes the glens, plantations, uplands, the Sawmill & Wildlife Park.
Planning & Building Control	£319	£237	The favourable forecast position is due to the Division's income levels being £150k better than budget, which is partially offset by an overspend in employee costs, some of which are recoverable from internal funds.
Regulation	£3,247	£3,543	Regulation is perhaps the Division presenting the greatest financial challenge. Loss of income associated with Wool Control accounts for £170k of the budget position as well as Veterinary Services testing has a year to date income shortfall of £42k. This is as a result of testing income being received in 2020/21 but due to Covid restrictions, inspections were not actually undertaken until 2021/22. Employee cost pressures are also particularly high in the Division.
Environment Policy	£2,004	£1,930	The Division is expected to be well within its funding envelope for 21/22. Mines & Minerals expenditure budget is forecast to be £70k underspent, which assists in offsetting some of the Division's employee cost overspends.
Total	£16,965	£2,004	



Expenditure

Looking ahead to 2022/23 and the forthcoming financial, and performance year the budget provided to the Department, by division, is set out below;

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TABLE 34 – DEFA – Net Expenditure by Division

NET EXPENDITURE - BY DIVISION					
£000	Net Actual 2020-21	Net Probable 2021-22	Gross Spend 2022-23	Gross Income 2022-23	Net 2022-23
DIVISION					
Corporate Services	1,617	801	955	156	799
Planning & Building Control	144	144	1,609	1,285	324
Agriculture & Lands	10,384	10,418	11,177	1,581	9,596
Environment Policy	1,755	2,148	2,461	510	1,951
Regulation	3,168	3,455	3,895	624	3,271
NET EXPENDITURE	17,068	16,966	20,097	4,156	15,941

DEFA GROSS EXPENDITURE 2022/23



Closing Statement

The opportunities for the Department to contribute positively to shaping the future of our Island are significant, and it is a symbol of the importance that we place on our environment. The Department is pleased to be able to contribute at such a level to delivering the Island Plan, as well as being such a fundamental delivery partner for the Climate Change Action Plan.

Alongside the delivery of the actions set out in this plan the Department will proudly continue to deliver its 'day to day' services; from planning applications and building control, to Marine Spatial Planning and CITES enforcement; from river water quality monitoring and sea fisheries management, to identification of tree disease and licencing waste management facilities; and from glen and plantation maintenance and providing agricultural development grants, to issuing export licences and inspecting food premises.

Resources and funding will be a key factory in delivery, and the Department is commitment to working closely with Treasury and the Climate Change Transformation Board to ensure successful delivery in each action area.

The Department seeks to add the greatest value it can to our Island, and will report annually on delivery against these actions, and will develop a set of Key Performance Indicators to reflect the delivery of the statutory and community enhancing services.



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