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Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during January 2024

Part I Decisions made by Council

Russia Sanctions (Application) (No.3) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for these regulations to be laid before the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald which apply to the Island the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 and the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023.

Travel Rule Code

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs seeking approval for the progression to public consultation of the draft Travel Rule (Transfer of Virtual Assets) Code 2024 ('the Travel Rule Code'), and other related amendments being made by Order to section 157 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2008 ('POCA') and section 68 of the Terrorism and Other Crimes (Financial Restrictions) Act 2014 ('TOCFRA').

Isle of Man War Pensions Committee – Changes to Nomenclature, Constitution, etc.

Council considered a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for changes to be made to the nomenclature and constitution, etc. of the IOM War Pensions Committee and **agreed** that the Treasury makes the legislation necessary to implement each of the changes requested, which would be brought to Tynwald for approval.

School Bus Fare Increase

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval to increase bus fares to 50p.

Employment (Amendment) Bill 2023 – Amendments

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise seeking approval for amendments to the Employment (Amendment) Bill 2023 to be moved at the Clauses stage of the Bill.

Structural Vision for the Future of Education following the Independent Review of Funding for Schools

At a dedicated workshop, Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport & Culture which provided a vision for education on the Island. Council **agreed** that it wished to consider the topic again in the future following reflection on the afternoon's discussion.

Public Records (Fees)

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise seeking approval for the Public Records (Fees) Order 2024 [SD 2024/0008] to be moved at the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Electronic Transactions (General) (Amendment) Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise seeking approval for:

- (a) the Electronic Transactions (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 being submitted to the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald; and
- (b) The Minister for Enterprise moving the following motion:

That the Electronic Transactions (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 be approved.

Approval of appointment of Non-Executive Directors – Cabinet Office

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the appointment of Christopher Hall and Guy Templer as Non-Executive Directors for the Cabinet Office for a term of three years, subject to Tynwald approval in February 2024.

Statutory Boards (Annual Sums) Order 2024

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Statutory Boards (Annual Sums) Order 2024 to be approved at the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Civil Aviation (Charges) Scheme

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise seeking approval for the Civil Aviation (Charges) Scheme 2024 to be moved for approval at the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Iran Sanctions (Human Rights) (Revocation) Regulations 2024

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Iran Sanctions (Human Rights) (Revocation) Regulations 2024, which revoke the Iran Sanctions (Human Rights) (Application) Regulations 2020 concerning financial and trade sanctions, to be made and submitted to the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body (HSCOB) (Interim) Report 2022/23

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care seeking approval for the Department of Health and Social Care to lay a cover statement and the Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body (HSCOB) Interim Annual Report before the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Gas Regulation (Prevention of Disconnections) Order 2024

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and **agreed** that the Order be made immediately; and that it is placed on the Register of Business for affirmative resolution at the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

List of Items of Government Business – February 2024

Noting that the Gas Regulation (Prevention of Disconnections) Order 2024 is subject to motion, Council **agreed** the list of items of Government Business for the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Preservation of War Memorials Committee: amendments to the Terms of Reference and Delegation of Powers

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for delegation of certain statutory powers to the Isle of Man Preservation of War Memorials Committee and to modify the Terms of Reference.

Extract of Proceedings – October, November and December 2023

Council considered and agreed a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval to publish the following Extract of Proceedings online at <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/council-of-ministers/the-council-ofministers/council-of-ministers-proceedings/>

- October 2023
- November 2023
- December 2023

A typographical omission relating to Policy Consultation on 'General Attendance' under the Liquor Licencing and Public Entertainments Act 2021 was corrected prior to publication.

Potential Impact of a Free Trade Agreement on the Government Procurement Process

Council considered a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval on present recommendations on how the Government Procurement process would need to change in order to more easily facilitate future Isle of Man participation in a UK negotiated Free Trade Agreement. After consideration Council **agreed** the recommendations in the report.

DESC's Structural and Governance Arrangements

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture seeking approval for the proposed viability and available options for restructuring DESC and its governance, having due regard for the 2020 Beamans Report and the restructuring of DHSC and Manx Care. After consideration, Council **agreed** to continue working towards addressing the outstanding actions from the Beamans Report, without establishing a Board of Manx Education

Changes to Symbols of State

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval to change symbols of state (following the coronation of King Charles III).

After consideration, Council **agreed**:

1. That the coat of arms of the Isle of Man is changed to use the Tudor crown instead of the crown of St Edward
2. That the Isle of Man Government adopts the principles set out by the UK Cabinet Office in relation to updating the symbols of state
3. That the Government Communication Service, within the Cabinet Office, leads this work and liaises with affected public bodies to cascade these principles, and at no cost

Part II

Council noted the following matters

Patrick Parish Commissioners Temporary Appointment Order

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office that the Patrick Parish Commissioners Temporary Appointment Order 2023 is required to be laid before the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Rescinding Policy on Re-Employment of Public Service staff following retirement

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office of the impending rescinding of the Policy on Re-Employment of Public Service Staff Following Retirement. This paper had previously been submitted to Council for consideration on 14 December 2023 and noted. It was brought to Council for further consideration.

Contract Management – Proof of Concept

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury of a request for funding from the Transformation Fund to deliver a proof of concept for a centrally led contract management project.

Designated Business (Registration and Oversight) and Proceeds of Crime Legislative Amendments

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs and Treasury regarding the intention to progress to public consultation on the draft Designated Business (Registration and Oversight) Act (Amendment) Order 2024 in respect of the updates to Schedule 1 to the Designated Business (Registration and Oversight) Act 2015 ('DBROA'), and the draft Proceeds of Crime (Business in the Regulated Sector) Order 2024 in respect of the corresponding updates to Schedule 4 to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2008 ('POCA').

Isle of Man Inflation Report – December 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with an update on the Isle of Man Inflation Report - December 2023, prior to the release on Monday 15 January 2024.

Manx Utilities Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by Manx Utilities Authority on the annual report and financial statements of the Authority for the year ended 31 March 2023. The report and accounts are due to be laid before the February 2024 Sitting of Tynwald.

e-Ilan Communications Limited Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by Manx Utilities Authority on the financial statements of e-Ilan Communications Limited (a subsidiary of the Authority) for the year ended 31 March 2023. The accounts are due to be laid before the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Manx Cable Company Limited Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by Manx Utilities Authority on the financial statements of Manx Cable Company Limited (a subsidiary of the Authority) for the year ended 31 March 2023. The accounts are due to be laid before the February 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Isle of Man Labour Market Report – December 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with information on the Isle of Man Labour Market Report December 2023 prior to release on Monday 22 January 2024.

Part III
Council determined the following Planning Applications

Referral of Application of National Importance – New Sewage Treatment Works and Vehicular Access Glenfaba, Peel

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval as to whether it wishes to determine the application referred to it under Section 11 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999. After consideration Council **agreed not** to determine the application.

Applications are referred to the Council of Ministers on a number of specific grounds which are set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1999. These relate broadly to land use zoning, the size of the proposed development and environmental matters, and are explained more fully on the Planning and Building Control pages of the Government website.

The Decision Notice for applications and the Inspector's Report are available online at <https://www.gov.im/onlineservices>.