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## **Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during March 2024**

### **Part I Decisions made by Council**

#### **Remuneration of Legal Aid Advocates**

Council considered and **agreed** an increase in the hourly rate of advocates carrying out legal Aid work with effect from 1 April 2024, Senior Advocates to be paid £150 per hour and Junior Advocates to be paid £125 an hour, subject to any necessary consultation with the Deemsters.

#### **Onshore Renewables Delivery Risks**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by Manx Utilities seeking approval to undertake a procurement process to confirm the terms that windfarms suppliers will offer to the Island.

#### **Financial Services (Deposit Data) (Amendment) Rule Book 2024**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Financial Services Authority seeking approval for the Financial Services (Deposit Data) (Amendment) Rule Book 2024 to be moved at the April 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

#### **Appointment of Board Members to the Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission**

Council **agreed** the appointment of Mrs Emma Christie and Mr Jason Kelly as Members of the Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission for a period of five years, to be moved at the April 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

#### **Sanctions Bill – Letter of Commitment regarding Royal Assent**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the draft letter of commitment regarding Royal Assent for the Sanctions Bill to be signed by the Treasury Minister and sent to the Lord Chancellor, subject to amendments.

#### **List of Items of Government Business – April 2024**

After consideration Council **agreed** that the List of Items of Government Business be submitted for the April 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

#### **Childcare Credit Scheme 2024**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture seeking approval for the Minister to move the Childcare Credit Scheme 2024 at the April 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

### **Council of Ministers' Report on Poverty Measures**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Council of Ministers' Report on Poverty Measures to be shared with the Tynwald Select Committee on Poverty and laid before Tynwald.

### **Proposed Amendments to the Electoral Commission Report Recommendations 2024**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the proposed amendments to the recommendations made within the Electoral Commission's report to Tynwald, subject to further amendments made by Council.

### **Extent Provisions in Bills before the UK Parliament**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the extent provisions in:

- a) Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill;
- b) British Citizenship (Northern Ireland) Bill; and
- c) Space Industry (Indemnities) Bill.

Council **agreed** it would declare a clear position in that it was not consulted and, in any event, would not be extending part a).

### **Appointment of Lay Members to the MUA Board**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the appointment of four non-Tynwald members to the Board of the Manx Utilities Authority, subject to Tynwald approval.

### **Skills Strategy**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture seeking approval for the Skills Board's Skills Strategy to be moved at the May 2024 sitting of Tynwald, subject to Council amendments.

### **Council of Ministers' Response to the Report by the Environment and Infrastructure Review Committee**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Council of Ministers' Response to the Report by the Environment and Infrastructure Policy Review Committee.

### **Government's Response to the Select Committee on Poverty's Report on Housing and Homelessness**

Council considered and **agreed** paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Government's Response to the Select Committee on Poverty Report on Housing and Homelessness.

### **Climate Change (Infrastructure Planning) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Application) Order 2024**

Council considered and **agreed** paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval for the Climate Change (Infrastructure Planning) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Application) Order 2024 to be moved at the April 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

### **List of Items of Government Business – April 2024 Fast-Track**

Council **agreed** the List of Items of Government Business (Fast-Track) for the April 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

### **Appointment of Land Commissioner**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the appointment of Deputy High Bailiff and Acting Deemster Christopher Arrowsmith as Land Commissioner.

### **Minor Amendments to the Legal Practitioners Registration Act 1986**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Central Registry seeking approval to make minor amendments to the Legal Practitioners Registration Act 1986.

### **Fines and Penalties Bill 2023 – Return to House of Keys**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs seeking approval for the amendments to the Fines and Penalties Bill 2023 made by the Legislative Council, prior to its return to the House of Keys.

### **Council of Ministers' Early Assessment re: Recommendations Isle of Man COVID Review Report by Kate Brunner KC**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Early Assessment and Response to Isle of Man Independent Covid Review by Ms Brunner KC which is to be laid before the April 2024 sitting of Tynwald, subject to a few amendments.

### **GDPR and LED Implementing (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department Home Affairs seeking approval for the GDPR and LED Implementing (Amendment) Regulations 2024 to be moved at the May 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

### **Public Body Climate Change Reporting 2022-2023**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking:

- approval for the Summary Analysis Report to be published;
- support, in principle, for the recommendations set out in that report; and
- to note the content of the Internal Report on Individual Public Bodies and Table of Recommendations.

### **UK-Kazakhstan Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Isle of Man's inclusion within scope of the forthcoming UK-Kazakhstan strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

### **Nomination to the Advocates Fees Committee**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the appointment of Mr Ken Kinrade to the Advocates Fees Committee for a term of 2 years.

## **Part II**

### **Council noted the following Matters**

#### **Island Plan Milestones – Interconnector and Sewage**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Manx Utilities to explain the movement of milestone target dates for elements of the Island Plan; specifically relating to the feasibility study for the second power interconnector and the completion dates for the Regional Sewerage Treatment Strategy projects in Peel and Garff.

#### **Skills Board Minutes**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture with the minutes of the Skills Board meetings.

#### **Isle of Man Inflation Report – February 2024**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by Cabinet Office with an update on the February 2024 Isle of Man Inflation Report, prior to release on Monday 11 March 2024.

#### **Implementation of Recommendations from the Wooler Review of the Role of His Majesty's Attorney General**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs with an update on the implementation of recommendations stemming from the review conducted by Stephen Wooler CB of the role of the His Majesty's Attorney General.

#### **Area Plan for the North and West – Release of Public Enquiry Papers**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with an update on:

- arrangements for the Public Inquiry into the Area Plan for the North and West; and
- the release of Public Inquiry Papers setting out Cabinet Office's proposed changes to the Draft Plan

#### **Isle of Man Labour Market Report – February 2024**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with information on the Isle of Man Labour Market Report February 2024, prior to the release on Tuesday 01 April.

#### **Update on the Creation of a Housing Association on the Isle of Man**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure with a progress update on the project for the creation of a Housing Association on the Isle of Man.

**Part III**  
**Council determined the following Planning Applications**

Council was not required to determine any planning applications in March 2024.

*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' reports can be searched online at <https://www.gov.im/onlineservices>.*