



## **Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during August and September 2020**

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

#### *Stay Responsible*

*The challenges posed by the Coronavirus [SARS-CoV-2] pandemic [COVID-19] requires a clear and joined up response*

#### **Emergency Powers Act 1936**

Council considered and agreed that the following instruments under the Emergency Powers Act 1936 be made and submitted to Tynwald:

- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Continuation) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Continuation) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Continuation) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020

#### **Borders Framework – Review**

Council considered papers submitted by the Cabinet Office and the Department of Health and Social Care providing an update on the current IOM and UK COVID-19 situation, and initiated a review of the current Borders Framework and the mitigations to protect the Island.

Council determined that: the Border Framework remained at Level 4 including the continuation of the 14 days self-isolation period; a Day 7 testing regime, with appropriate charging structure in place, be applied to travellers entering the Island from Monday 7 September 2020; not to move to a regional/country categorisation approach to determine entry restrictions; Level 3 of the Borders Framework for non-resident entry be revised into 3B "Sponsored Business" and 3A "Immediate Family", and further determined the definition for Immediate Family that would be exempted to enter the Island under the revised Level 3A.

#### **Borders Framework – Creation of Borders Agency**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs and agreed that a borders agency be created over a transitional period with cross-Government partnership including mechanisms for intelligence and information sharing.

### **Borders Framework – Off-Island Acts at VillaGaiety**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department for Education, Sport and Culture and noting the impact of current border framework on VillaGaiety programming during the autumn and winter season, determined that the exemption under border framework for UK acts and theatre workers to work at VillaGaiety was not supported, and that the procurement and tendering process for on-Island services, in order to deliver the 2020 Christmas Pantomime, be expedited.

### **Borders – Guernsey Air Bridge – General Aviation**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure and endorsed that Island based non-commercial general aviation aircraft be enabled to fly between the Isle of Man and Guernsey, under the current air bridge conditions used for passenger charter flights between the two islands.

### **National COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and adopted the National Outbreak Management Plan in respect of the approach and management of a local outbreak of COVID-19, agreeing that such be published.

### **Coronavirus measures – Guidance on wearing of face-coverings**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the guidance on use of face coverings in the community, to reduce transmission of COVID-19, be revised, including public messaging that the wearing of face coverings was strongly recommended however remained a personal choice.

### **Coronavirus Support Schemes – Travel and Tourism**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise and agreed that, in order to provide financial support to registered Tourist Accommodation providers, the Strategic Capacity Scheme and the Salary Support Scheme be extended to the end of March 2021 and that the Coronavirus Business Support Scheme and the Financial Assistance Scheme be extended, providing support for businesses and self-employed persons in the allied travel and tourism sectors.

### **Extension to Coronavirus Fisheries Support Scheme**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture and agreed that the Coronavirus Fisheries Support Scheme be extended to provide for financial assistance for a further nine week period for fishing vessels, and for a further twelve week period in respect of Seafood Businesses and Broker Traders, and that the Scheme be made and submitted to Tynwald.

*Enterprise and Opportunity Island*

*We have an education system which matches our skills requirements now and in the future*

**Independent Review of the Department of Education, Sport and Culture**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing the findings of the review by Beamans Management Consultants in respect of the Department of Education, Sport and Culture Management and Governance Arrangements. Council determined that the Beamans Report together with the Council of Ministers Response and Action Plan be submitted to a future sitting of Tynwald, and that the reform agenda be led by the Cabinet Office in partnership with the Department.

*Enterprise and Opportunity Island*

*We have utilities that support our Island communities and businesses*

**Use of High Risk Vendors in Isle of Man Critical National Telecoms Infrastructure**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise and determined that the Isle of Man move to align with the United Kingdom in the approach to restrict the use of High Risk Vendors in the Island's telecommunications network for 5G, a security framework for telecom operators be introduced and legislation be progressed to enhance compliance.

*Responsible Island*

*We are financially responsible while providing services that meet the needs of our community*

**TV licences for over 75s – BBC consultation response**

Council considered a paper submitted by Cabinet Office and approved the response to the BBC's current consultation on BBC funding of an age-related TV licence fee concession in the Island from 1 January 2021.

*Responsible Island*

*We have public services which are fit for purpose, modern and provided in the right place*

**Appointment of Land Commissioner**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed the appointment of Deemster Gough as an additional Land Commissioner, in accordance with Section 2 of the Land Registration Act 1982.

*Responsible Island*

*We have more responsive legislation and regulation*

**Airports and Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2020**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise and agreed that drafting instructions be issued to the Attorney General's Chambers to amend the Airports and Civil Aviation Act 1987.

## **European Union and Trade Act 2019 (Exit Day References) (Customs) Regulations 2020**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Treasury and agreed that the European Union and Trade Act 2019 (Exit Day References) (Customs) Regulations 2020 be made and submitted to Tynwald.

## **European Union (Terrorism Sanctions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2020**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Treasury and agreed that the European Union (Terrorism Sanctions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2020 be made and submitted to Tynwald.

### *Responsible Island*

*We engage, participate and are respected internationally*

## **International Development Partnership Funding 2020 – 2021 and Global Education and Awareness Grant 2020 – 2021**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed to the suspension of the International Development Partnership funding for the 2020 – 2021 financial year; and noted the revised application guidance for the Global Development Education and Awareness Raising Grant for the 2020 – 2021 financial year.

## **Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 2020**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 2020 be made and submitted to Tynwald.

## **Trade Amendment to the Energy Charter Treaty**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy be asked to include the Isle of Man in the UK's ratification of the Amendment to the Trade-related Provisions of the Energy Charter Treaty.

## **UK/EU Negotiations – Bilateral Air Services Agreements**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the Isle of Man Government rescind its request to be included within the UK's negotiations on the Bilateral Air Services Agreement.

## **UK/EU Negotiations – Goods and Fisheries**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed the high level principles in relation to the Isle of Man specific proposals on fisheries access.

## **UK Fisheries Bill – permissive extent clause**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the proposed permissive extent clause be included in the UK Fisheries Bill.

### *Sustainable Island*

*We have a planning system which supports sustainable growth*

## **The Area Plan for the East**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office agreed that "The Area Plan for the East" be adopted by Order under the Town and Country Planning Act 1999, which provided strategic direction in relation to town and country planning for the area, in relation to the Spatial Vision; Landscape Character and Appearance; Natural Environment; Urban Environment; Transport and Utilities; Employment; Town Centres; Tourism; Open Space and Recreation, Education, Health and other Community Facilities; Residential; and Comprehensive Treatment Areas. Council agreed that the Order be made and submitted to Tynwald.

## **Referral of Application of General Importance Restoration of existing silt store to create and maintain a permanent facility for storage and monitoring of dredged material from Peel Marina, Poortown Silt Store, Poortown Road, Peel**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture directed that the application [PA 20/00837/B], by the Department of Infrastructure, for the restoration of existing silt store at Poortown, to create and maintain a permanent facility for storage and monitoring of dredged material from Peel Marina, be determined by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

### *Inclusive and Caring Island*

*We are tackling the inequalities in our Island society*

## **Justice Reform Bill 2020: Judicial retirement ages**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the relevant provisions in the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1989 be amended via the Justice Reform Bill 2020 in order to increase the fixed retirement age of the Deemster, High Bailiff and Deputy High Bailiff from 65 years to 70 years in line with the existing arrangements for the First and Second Deemsters and the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act in the UK.

## **Equality Act 2017: Code of Practice on Equal Pay**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the Equality Act 2017 Code of Practice on Equal Pay be made and submitted to Tynwald.

### *Healthy and Safe Island*

*We live longer, healthier lives*

## **Review of Ageing Population Report**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the Review of the Ageing Population Report be published.

## **Integrated Health and Social Care Western Wellbeing and Beyond Business Case**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care and agreed that funding from the Health Transformation Fund be allocated to support the ongoing further development of integrated health care on the Isle of Man.

*Healthy and Safe Island*

*We have improved the quality of life for children, young people and families at risk*

## **Safeguarding Annual Report 2019/2020**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the Isle of Man Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2019-2020 be submitted to Tynwald.

## **Adoption Bill – Consultation**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care and agreed that a public consultation be launched in relation to the draft Adoption Bill.

*Healthy and Safe Island*

*We live our lives safe from crime and danger*

## **Justice Reform Bill 2020**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs and agreed that the Justice Reform Bill 2020 be introduced into the Branches.

## **Chief Constable's Annual Report 2019-2020**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs and agreed that the Chief Constable's Annual Report 2019-2020 be submitted to Tynwald, together with the Police Complaints Commissioner's Report for the year ending 31 March 2020 and the Department of Home Affairs Policing Plan 2020 – 2021.

## **Building Control (Approved Documents) Order 2020**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture and agreed that the Building Control (Approved Documents) Order 2020 be made and submitted to Tynwald.

## **Part II**

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

#### *Stay Responsible*

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#### **Economic Recovery Group Update**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Treasury providing an update in relation to the continued work of the Economic Recovery Group.

#### *Enterprise and Opportunity Island*

*We have Island transport that meets our social and economic needs*

#### **Isle of Man Ferry Terminal in Liverpool**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure providing an update on progress with the Isle of Man Ferry Terminal in Liverpool.

#### **Island's Telecommunications network**

Council noted a presentation by a service provider in relation to the connectivity and resilience of the Island's broadband network.

#### *Responsible Island*

*We engage, participate and are respected internationally*

#### **UK/EU Negotiations**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing an update in relation to the ongoing planning for the end of the transition period, in the event that there was No Further Negotiated Outcome ('No Deal').

#### **Bank Holidays in the Isle of Man**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Treasury providing information in relation to the Bank Holidays in the Isle of Man for 2021 prior to publication.

#### *Sustainable Island*

*We are an Island where people choose to live and visit*

#### **Production of a new Milk Price Order**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture providing information in relation to the production of a new Milk Price Order.

*Inclusive and Caring Island*

*We have affordable and accessible housing which meets our social and economic needs*

### **Isle of Man Housing Market Review 2019**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Housing Market Review 2019 prior to publication.

*Inclusive and Caring Island*

*We have open and transparent Government which engages effectively with Tynwald and the public*

### **Programme for Government Update**

Council noted papers submitted by the Cabinet Office in respect of the proposed changes to the Programme for Government and the delivery plan for year four – October 2020 to July 2021, and the intention that the document be submitted to Tynwald.

### **Tynwald Policy Decisions Report 2020**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the 'Action Taken' and 'Decision Status' recorded on the Tynwald Policy Decisions Report and the intention that the Report be submitted to Tynwald.

### **Isle of Man Labour Market Report – August 2020**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Labour Market Report – August 2020 prior to publication.

### **Isle of Man Labour Market Report – July 2020**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Labour Market Report – July 2020 report prior to publication.

### **Isle of Man Inflation Report – August 2020**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Inflation Report – August 2020, prior to publication.