



Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during May 2020

Part I Decisions made by Council

Coronavirus Pandemic Response

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Emergency Powers Act 1936

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

- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (People, Places and Activities) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Closure of Businesses and Other Premises) (Amendment) (No.9) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Town and Country Planning Procedures) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Entry Restrictions) (No.2) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Births and Deaths Modifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Prohibitions on Movement) (Amendment) (No.6) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Local Government) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Closure of Businesses and Other Premises) (Amendment) (No.8) Regulations 2020
- Proclamation by the Governor in Council
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Closure of Businesses and Other Premises) (Amendment) (No.7) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Prohibitions on Movement) (Amendment) (No.5) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Closure of Businesses and Other Premises) (Amendment) (No.6) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Closure of Businesses and Other Premises) (Amendment) (No.5) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Entry Restrictions) (No.2) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Events and Gatherings) (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Prohibitions on Movement) (Amendment) (No.4) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Potentially Infectious Persons) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020

- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Provision of Temporary Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Closure of Businesses and Other Premises) (Amendment) (No.4) Regulations 2020
- Information Sharing Direction in relation to section 5 of the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Information Sharing) Regulations 2020

Further Proclamation of Emergency under the Emergency Powers Act 1936

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office, and noting the draft Proclamation provided, agreed to recommend to the Lieutenant Governor that a further Proclamation of Emergency be issued under section 3 of the Emergency Powers Act 1936 to run from 16 May 2020 until midnight on 15 June 2020.

Coronavirus measures – “Stay Safe” Medium Term Response and Publication

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and adopted the “Stay Safe – Isle of Man Government medium-term response to COVID-19” as the medium-term strategic response to coronavirus in the Isle of Man, and further agreed that the document be submitted to Tynwald.

Coronavirus measures – Stay Safe Phased Approach

Council considered various papers, and agreed aspects of the Stay Safe Phased Approach, to take effect from Wednesday 20 May 2020:

- Social Gathering limits – indoors and outdoors;
- Conduct of weddings and civil partnership events;
- School hubs, nursery, and childcare provision;
- Outdoor sports, camping and the reopening of Curragh’s Wildlife Park;
- Continuation of work from home, with horizon planning for phased return to workplaces;
- Non-essential retail shops, garden centres, domestic cleaners, property sales, lettings and viewings together with allied services to reopen; and
- Use of pleasure craft and general aviation in the Isle of Man within Island territorial waters boundary.

Coronavirus measures – Stay Safe Phased Approach

Council considered various papers providing horizon planning for June 2020 implementation, in respect of the Stay Safe Phased Approach, in particular:

- Core Objectives/Principles;
- Framework and Guiding Principles;
- Coronavirus indicators;
- Social distancing measures – 2m vs 1m;
- Social Gathering limits – indoors and outdoors;
- A phased return to workplaces;
- Return of specific year groups to Primary and Secondary Schools;
- Restaurants and cafes;
- Lifestyle treatments;
- Gyms and indoor sports clubs;
- Bars and Nightclubs;

- Speed Limits – 40mph to increase to 60mph; and
- Tourism accommodation.

Border Framework – Repatriation – Quarantine to Self-Isolation

Council considered various papers submitted and agreed:

- The implementation of the mandatory quarantine at home repatriation policy would commence for those Manx residents returning on the sailing on 13 May 2020;
- The approach to the provision of designated accommodation for Manx residents returning who cannot isolate at their own accommodation;
- New travel exemptions for compassionate reasons, to support visits of non-Manx residents to reside on the Isle of Man for a restricted time frame to attend a funeral, or spend time with a terminally ill relative, with quarantine/isolation on arrival;
- The phased increase in the number of residents repatriated by sailings and flights each week; and
- Residency and contractual obligation criteria.

Border Framework – University Students Possessions

Council considered papers submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture in relation to the options for assisting Isle of Man university students to recover their possessions and belongings from accommodation in the UK, and agreed that students be advised of storage firms that could pack, collect and deliver their possessions to the island or store them in the UK.

Border Framework – Phased Approach

Council considered various papers submitted and agreed the phased approach, and next steps, to the easing of the Island's borders within the Draft Border Restrictions Road Map.

Support Schemes Strategy

Council considered papers submitted by the Treasury and the Department for Enterprise, and agreed the proposed strategy regarding a sustainable medium term response in respect of various Schemes, such as the Strategic Capacity Scheme, the Manx Earnings Replacement Allowance, the Salary Support Scheme, and the Coronavirus Business Support Scheme.

Creation of a Strategic Economic Recovery Programme

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise and the Treasury, and agreed to the creation of a national Strategic Economic Recovery Programme to drive the economic response and recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, and to the proposed next steps.

Bank Holiday (Amendment) Order – Senior Race Day

Council considered papers submitted by the Treasury and agreed the proposed approach to the Senior Race Day Bank Holiday for 2020, whereby Friday 28 August 2020 be approved as a Bank Holiday, and that the extended holiday weekend [to include the Monday Bank

Holiday 31 August 2020] be themed in recognition of the response by the people of the Isle of Man to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Essential Health and Care Services – Framework Journey Ahead

Council considered a submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care and supported the ongoing work in relation to the staged re-establishment of the breadth of all Island Health and Care Services, and that such be led by the Department.

COVID-19 Testing and Surveillance Strategy

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and Department of Health and Social Care and agreed the proposed approach to COVID-19 testing and health surveillance.

Antibody Testing Strategy

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department for Health and Social Care and approved the roll out of antibody testing to specific groups, to enable further understanding of the impact of the virus on the Island's community.

Emergency Powers Act 1936 – Legislative Approach

Council considered papers submitted by the Cabinet Office and approved the consolidation of a number of pieces of the emergency legislation and directions, and agreed the proposed approach towards ending the emergency proclamation period.

Enterprise and Opportunity Island

We have an infrastructure which supports social and economic wellbeing

Securing Air and Sea Services

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure and supported the proposed approach in relation to securing air and sea services to meet the Island's immediate travel needs and the longer term economic and social requirements.

Responsible Island

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

TV licences for over 75s – BBC determination

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed, that it was content for the BBC to make a determination in respect of the TV licence fee concession for over 75s in the Isle of Man for the period 1 June to 31 December 2020.

Health and Care Transformation Programme – Forecast Application

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and approved the use of funds from the Healthcare Transformation Fund for the forecast costs for Year Two up to 31 March 2021.

Responsible Island

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

Public Appointments - Health Service Independent Review Body

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed the [non-Tynwald Member] appointment of Mr Mike Ball to the Health Service Independent Review Body for a term of five years in accordance with the National Health Service (Independent Review Body) Regulations 2004.

Responsible Island

We have more responsive legislation and regulation

Primary Legislation – Introduction to Branches

Council considered and agreed that the following pieces of primary legislation be introduced into the Branches:

- Companies (Amendment) Bill 2020

Statutory Instruments

Council considered and agreed that the following Statutory Instruments be made and submitted to Tynwald:

- Damages (Personal Injury) (Assumed Rate of Return) Order 2020
- Public Sector Pensions (Cost Sharing) Scheme 2020

Financial Services Amendment Bill

Council considered a paper submitted by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority and agreed that drafting instructions be issued to the Attorney General's Chambers in relation to the Financial Services (Amendment) Bill.

Domestic Abuse Bill 2019

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs and agreed the approach to the amendments in the Branches to the Domestic Abuse Bill 2019.

Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Bill 2020

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed the approach to the amendments in the Branches to the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Bill 2020.

Responsible Island

We engage, participate and are respected internationally

UK/EU Trade Negotiations update

Council considered papers submitted by the Cabinet Office providing overviews on the Isle of Man and Crown Dependencies stance in respect of UK/EU negotiations, and agreed the Isle of Man's position, specifically in respect of 'side agreements'.

Counter Terrorism (Sentencing and Other Provisions) Bill (of Parliament)

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs and, noting the UK's intention to further amend the counter-terrorism legislation, agreed the inclusion of a Clause enabling the legislation to be extended to the Island by Order in Privy Council.

Sustainable Island

We have a planning system which supports sustainable growth

Political Appointment – Chair of the Planning Committee

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture and agreed that Mr M J Perkins MHK be appointed as the Chair of the Planning Committee with effect from 20 May 2020.

Sustainable Island

We have a natural and built environment which we conserve and cherish and which is adapted to cope with the threats from climate change

Report of the Independent Review into Laxey Flooding

Council considered papers submitted by the Cabinet Office providing the Report of the Independent Review into Laxey Flooding [incident took place 1 October 2019], undertaken by ARUP, and agreed the proposed action plan to address the recommendations, and next steps in relation to publication.

Inclusive and Caring Island

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

Lists of Items of Government Business – Tynwald sittings

Council considered papers submitted by the Cabinet Office and approved the Lists of Items of Government Business for the following sittings of Tynwald: 5 May 2020, 12 May 2020, May 2020 and June 2020.

Healthy and Safe Island

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

Serious Case Management Review

Council considered a paper submitted by the Isle of Man Safeguarding Board and the Cabinet Office in respect of a Serious Case Management Review, noting the learning summary and next steps.

Part II

Council noted the following Matters

Coronavirus Pandemic Response

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Government liquidity and borrowing

Council noted a paper submitted by the Treasury to provide an update on the current revenue and cash flow position.

Enterprise and Opportunity Island

We have utilities that support our Island communities and businesses

Manx Utilities Authority – Drought Plan

Council noted a paper submitted by Manx Utilities providing the Authority's Drought Plan, setting out how the management of raw water reserves in the Isle of Man would be undertaken should a drought occur, including the current raw water stock levels.

Responsible Island

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

Tynwald Commissioner for Administration – Reports on Cases

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing the Reports of the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration on cases 1818 and 1823, including a Statement in relation to case 1901, which had been submitted to Tynwald.

Responsible Island

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UK/EU Trade Negotiations Update

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing an update on the forthcoming round of trade negotiations between the UK and EU, specifically in regard to the territorial scope of the agreement.

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Isle of Man Inflation Report – April 2020

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

Isle of Man Labour Market Report – April 2020

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing the Isle of Man Labour Market Report – April 2020, prior to publication.

Quarterly Economic and Statistical Update Quarter 1 2020

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing the Quarter 1 2020 Quarterly Economic and Statistical Update.

Debt Counselling Service

Council noted a paper submitted by the Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading providing a statistical analysis of the debt counselling service provided for the quarter from 1 January to 31 March 2020 inclusive.