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Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during January 2023

Part I Decisions made by Council

Response to UK Restrictions to Passengers travelling from China

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and the Department of Home Affairs seeking a view on Council's policy intentions relating to Covid-19 and the UK's decision to implement restrictions on passengers travelling from China. After consideration, Council **agreed** to take no additional action at this time and to issue a statement supporting the UK Government's actions.

Position of the Health and Care Transformation Programme

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking direction about the delivery of the Health and Care Transformation Programme and a decision on the position of the Health and Care Transformation Programme (HCTP).

After consideration, Council **agreed** that it remains the policy position of Council that the principles of the Sir Jonathan Michael report and its package of 26 recommendations is still required to be delivered. **However**, additional consideration needs to be given to Council's preferred option for the future delivery of the HCTP.

Income Tax (Substance Requirements and Related Provision) Order 2023

Council **agreed** that the Income Tax (Substance Requirements and Related Provisions) Order 2023 be added to the list of Government Business for the January 2023 sitting of Tynwald and moved under a Supplementary Order Paper.

Public Appointments – Culture Vannin

Council **agreed** the appointment of Professor Angela Little and Mr Christopher Williamson to Culture Vannin, for a term of five years, in accordance with the Manx Heritage Foundation Act 1982, subject to Tynwald approval; and that a motion for the above appointment be added to the list of Government Business for the March 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

List of Government Business – February 2023

Council **agreed** the List of Items of Government Business for the February 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Management Accounts

Council considered a paper submitted by the Treasury providing oversight of the financial position as at the end of November 2022 including the forecast to March 2023 and seeking approval to address Departmental overspends via the use of Contingency rather than Supplementary Votes.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that Treasury may meet potential Departmental overspends by way of transfers of:

- a) £16.4m from Treasury's Revenue Contingency Budget
- b) Up to £24m from the Contingency Fund

The amounts per Department will be agreed at year-end once the final positions are known.

Major Projects Board

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the establishment of a Major Projects Board (MPB).

After consideration, Council **agreed** to support the creation of a Major Projects Board including the appointment of three expert advisers to be funded from relevant monitored capital projects and that the Board be sponsored by Treasury.

Fluorinated Gas (F-Gas) and Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Regulations – Permissive Extent Clause

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture outlining the proposed inclusion by DEFRA of a permissive extent clause (PEC) to enable, further to additional Order, to extend primary powers currently being sought to amend the Great Britain Fluorinated Gas (F-gas) and Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Regulations in order to meet carbon budget and net zero Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reductions and comply with legally binding Montreal Protocol obligations.

Extension of the International Coffee Agreement to the Isle of Man

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking direction on the extension of the International Coffee Agreement 2022 to the Isle of Man.

After consideration, Council **agreed** to decline extension of the International Coffee Agreement 2022 to the Isle of Man at this stage.

Extension of the £2 Bus Fare Capping Trial

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure providing information in relation to the future of the £2 Bus Fare Capping Trial through until March 31 2023.

After consideration, Council **confirmed** that the £2 Bus Fare Capping Trial be extended until 01 April 2023 and that the Department work with Treasury to identify a suitable funding pathway.

Minimum Wage Proposals

Council considered an **approved** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise requesting that Council:

- a) Approve that the Minimum Wage (Single Hourly Rate) Regulations 2023 and the Minimum Wage (Young Workers) Regulations 2023 be laid before the February 2023 sitting of Tynwald for approval;
- b) Approve that the Minister for Enterprise moves the following motions at the February 2023 sitting of Tynwald:

- i) That the Minimum Wage (Single Hourly Rate) Regulations be approved; and
 - ii) That the Minimum Wage (Young Workers) Regulations be approved.
- c) Approve that the Minimum Wage Committee recommendations are laid before Tynwald at the February 2023 sitting for the information of Tynwald members;
 - d) Note that subject to Council approval of the above, the permission of the President of Tynwald will be sought given the Motions will not have been placed on the Register of Business 6 weeks prior to the sitting; and
 - e) Note the intention of DfE and Treasury to publish the proposed policy of seeking to ensure an even transition from Minimum Wage to Living Wage by eroding 1/3 of the differential in each of the next 3 years, commencing in April 2023.

Pig Premium Scheme 2018 – One Year Extension

Council considered and **agreed** paper submitted by Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the DEFA Minister to:

- a) Make the Pig Premium (Amendment) Scheme 2023 which will amend the Pig Premium Scheme 2018 to extend its expiry date to 31 March 2024; and
- b) Move the Amending Scheme for approval at the March 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Council of Ministers' Response to the Constitutional and Legal Affairs and Justice Committee Report on Youth Justice

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs seeking approval for the Council of Ministers' response to the Constitutional, Legal Affairs & Justice Committee's report on Youth Justice.

Climate Change Board Terms of Reference

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval of the updated Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Transformation Board.

Petroleum Act 1986 Review

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking direction on the Petroleum Act 1986 Review.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that the Chief Minister provide a letter to all Tynwald Members setting out confirmation of Government's current policy position that no additional hydrocarbon licences will be granted.

Council of Ministers' Administration – Summary Minutes

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the proposed publication of summary Council minutes, based on the Welsh Government approach.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that extract of proceedings be published, grouped by calendar month with publication to commence as soon as the backlog has been approved.

II

Council noted the following Matters

Safeguarding Board Annual Report

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2021-22 and that it will be laid before the February 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules which will be laid before the February 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Isle of Man Labour Market Report – December 2022

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Labour Market Report – December 2022, prior to release on Monday 16 January 2023.

Cost of Living Update

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to progress across the six work streams in response to the cost of living threats posed by the ongoing inflationary cycle.

Construction of Temporary Vehicle Search Facility in the Port of Douglas

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure providing information in relation to Treasury approval for funding through the Seized Assets Fund (SAF) of £100,276.00 to erect a temporary structure at the Port of Douglas, for IOM Customs and Constabulary to provide a safe environment in which to inspect vehicles entering the Island from the ferries.

Part III
Council determined the following Planning Applications

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

None noted.