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Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during March 2023

Part I Decisions made by Council

Tynwald Suicide Prevention Strategy

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan.

The Minister, CO advised Council that the strategy will be shared with the Tynwald Social Affairs Policy Review Committee, key stakeholders and contributors.

After consideration, Council **agreed** the Public Health Suicide Prevention Strategy and that it be laid before the March 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Changes to Driving Licence and Test Fees

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval to move the Driving Licence and Test Fees Orders 2023 for approval at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Land, Deeds and Probate Registries Fees and Duties Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise seeking approval for the Land, Deeds and Probate Registries Fees and Duties Order 2023 to be laid before the March sitting of Tynwald with an implementation date of 1 May 2023.

Public Body Climate Reporting – Amendment Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Climate Change (Public Bodies' Reporting Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 to be made and laid before the March sitting of Tynwald.

Building Control (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Building Control (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 to be made and moved for approval at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Covid-Pass App

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the recommendation made by Public Health of the continuing need for the Covid-Pass app.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that the paper version of the Covid-Pass app be decommissioned at the end of this financial year, allowing individuals to still use the digital

version. The Department of Health and Social Care will liaise with NHS Digital to create a decommissioning plan and Communications will inform the general public of the decommissioning arrangements.

Adult Social Care Services (Charges) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care seeking approval for the Adult Social Care Services (Charges) Regulations 2023 to be moved at the March 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Isle of Man Homes for Ukraine (Host Payment) (Amendment) Scheme 2023

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Isle of Man Homes for Ukraine (Host Payments) (Amendment) Scheme 2023 to be moved at the March 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that safeguarding checks are to be continued, and that they will operate while people are able to register as hosts under the Isle of Man Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

It was also **agreed** that the Isle of Man Homes for Ukraine (Host Payments) Scheme 2022 be amended to:

- Bring into effect a closing date for the host payment scheme of 31 March 2024
- Allow no new host payment applications after 1 April 2023
- Allow for double payments of £480 per month for months 7-12, for those in receipt or applying for host payments before 31 March 2023

Built Environment Reform Programme Plan

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval of the Built Environment Reform Programme delivery, timeframes and priorities.

Noting the detail of the paper, Council requested that the paper return to Council next week with the Department's Chief Officer.

Fossil Fuels Heating Systems

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for an 8-week consultation on proposals to refuse new Building Control applications (for new buildings containing fossil fuel heating systems) from 1 August 2023. Council **noted** that wider considerations relating to electricity supply, grid supply and cabling need to be taken in to account.

List of Items of Government Business – March 2023 Fast Track

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the List of Items of Government Business for the March (Fast Track) 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Built Environment Reform Programme

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture providing an update on the Built Environment Reform Programme (BERP) to date and seeking review and approval of the proposed delivery timeframes and priorities.

After consideration, Council **noted** the priorities and timescales as presented and indicated support for the work undertaken so far.

Nursing and Residential Care Cost Options

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with an update on progress and seeking approval for a Tynwald workshop being held on the subject of nursing and residential care cost options.

Religious Charities Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by HM Attorney General's Chambers seeking approval for the Attorney General to move the Religious Charities Regulations 2023 for approval at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Immigration: GDPR Exemption

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the GDPR and LED Implementing (Amendment) Regulations 2023 be made and moved for approval by the Minister, CO at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald, and that the Island's immigration exemption policy be made, published and laid before the same sitting of Tynwald.

Local Authority Elections (Fees) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Local Authority (Fees) Order 2023 to be moved for approval by the Minister, CO at the April 2023 Tynwald sitting.

Department of Enterprise – Annual Report for 2021/2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise seeking approval for the Enterprise Act 2008 Annual Report for 2021/2022 to be laid before the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Harbours (Licence of Pilots) Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval for the following items to be moved for approval at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald:

1. Harbours (Licensing of Pilots) Regulations 2023
2. Pilotage Act 1987 (Application) Order 2023
3. Harbours (Pilotage Areas) Bye-laws 2023

Pension Schemes Legislation (Application) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Minister (or a Member of the Treasury) to move the Pension Schemes Legislation (Application) Order 2023 at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Social Security Legislation (Benefits) (Application) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Minister (or a Member of the Treasury) to move the Social Security Legislation (Benefits) (Application) Order 2023 at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Export Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (Application) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Export Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (Application) Order 2023 to be made and moved for approval by the Minister for Treasury at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme Annual Report for 2021/2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme Report for 2021/2022 to be laid before the next available sitting of Tynwald.

National Insurance Operating Account to 31 March 2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the National Insurance Operating Account to 31 March 2022 to be laid before the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

List of Items of Government Business – April 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the List of Items of Government Business for the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Extract of Proceedings January 2022

Council considered and **agreed** paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the new style 'extract of proceedings' and to seek approval for the January 2022 extract of proceedings to be published online.

Licensing and Registration of Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval for the draft Licensing and Registration of Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations 2023 to proceed to the May 2023 sitting of Tynwald, subject to their being shared with the Road Safety Partnership.

Sanctions (Humanitarian Exception) (Application) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Sanctions (Humanitarian Exception) (Application) (No.2) Regulations 2023 to be made and moved for approval by the Minister for Treasury at the May 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Animal Welfare Bill 2022 Amendment

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval to support the Legislative Council and the Department's amendments to the Animal Welfare Bill 2022 regarding the handling of welfare complaints

After consideration Council **agreed** Option D:

- Support both Legislative Council's and the Department's amendments to the Bill in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, when the Bill returns to the House of Keys on 28 March 2023.

Liquor Licensing and Public Entertainments (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs seeking approval to make the draft Liquor Licensing and Public Entertainment (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, to be laid before Tynwald as soon as possible.

Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **approved** a paper submitted by the Public Sector Pensions Authority seeking approval for the Vice Chair of the Public Sector Pensions Authority to lay the Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2023 before the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Public Service (Defined Contribution) (Death Benefits) Scheme 2023

Council considered and **approved** a paper submitted by the Public Sector Pensions Authority seeking approval for the Vice Chair of the Public Sector Pensions Authority to move the Public Service (Defined Contribution) (Death Benefits) Scheme 2023 for approval at the May 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

IOM Government Handling Correspondence Guidance

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for minor update to the Isle of Man Government Handling Correspondence Guidance.

After consideration Council:

- i) **Noted** the proposed updated version of the Isle of Man Government Handling Correspondence Guidelines;
- ii) **Recommended** that the revised Guidelines are circulated across the public service; and
- iii) **Recommended** that the revised Guidelines are laid before the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Highway Diversion (Public Right of Way No.423, Grenaby) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval to move the Highway Diversion (Public Right of Way No.423, Grenaby) Order 2023 for approval at the May 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Department of Infrastructure's Report on Definitive Maps and Statements

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval to lay before the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald a report detailing how it intends to address the backlog of changes that need to be made to the Definitive Maps and Statements as set out in Recommendation 2 of the Report presented by the Select Committee of Tynwald on Public Footpaths, Bridleways and Green Lanes (Petition for Redress of Grievance).

After consideration, Council **agreed** that the Report on Recommendation 2 of the Report presented by the Select Committee of Tynwald on Public Footpaths, Bridleways and Green Lanes (Petition for Redress of Grievance) be laid before the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Proposed Amendments to Income Threshold for Public Sector Housing (General Needs) (Allocation) Policy 2019

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval for the Minister to move the Public Sector Housing (General Needs) (Allocation) (Amendment) Policy 2023 for approval at the May 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Response to the SAPRC Report on Oral Health in Children

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care seeking approval for the response to the Social Affairs Policy Review Committee Report on Oral Health in Children.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that the Council of Ministers' Response to the Social Affairs Policy Review Committee First Report for the session 2022-2023 on Oral Health in Children to be laid before Tynwald at the April 2023 sitting; and that at the May sitting of Tynwald the Minister for Health and Social Care will move the amendments to Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 on behalf of Council.

Tobacco Products Duty Act 1986 (Amendment) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1986 (Amendment) Order 2023 [SD 2023/0127] to be made and moved for approval at the May 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Hydrocarbon Oil Duties 1986 (Revocation Order) 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1986 (Revocation) Order 2023 [SD 2023/0129] to be made and moved for approval by Member for Treasury Mr Henderson MLC at the May 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Divorce, Dissolution and Separation (Isle of Man) Act 2020 (Appointed Day) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office/General Registry seeking approval for the signing of the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation (Isle of Man) Act 2020 (Appointed Day) Order 2023, and instructed the Interim Chief Executive Officer (Isle of Man Government) to sign the same.

Adult Social Care Services (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care seeking approval for the Minister for Health and Social Care to move the Adult Social Care Services (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 for approval at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Religious Charities (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by His Majesty's Attorney General's Chambers seeking approval for the Attorney General to move the Religious Charities (Amendment) Regulations 2023 [SD 2023/0139] at the April 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

List of Items of Government Business – April Fast Track and May 2023

Council considered and **agreed** the List of Items of Government Business for the May 2023 sitting of Tynwald together with fast track business for April 2023.

Public Appointments – Public Sector Pensions Authority – Chair

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the appointment of Mr Jerry Carter as Chair of the Public Sector Pensions Authority for a term of 12 months and for the need to recruit a suitably qualified Chair for a longer-term appointment.

Part II

Council noted the following Matters

Equality Champion

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information that the role of Isle of Man Equality Champion has not been renewed during the life of the administration and providing a wider update on the adoption of public sector equality duties across Government.

Regulation of Surveillance Commissioner's Annual Report for 2022

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs providing information that the Regulation of Surveillance Commissioner's Annual Report for 2022 will be submitted to the Register of Tynwald Business, laid before the March 2023 sitting of Tynwald, and subsequently published on gov.im.

Economic Strategy Fund Terms of Reference

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury providing information in relation to the Terms of Reference for the Economic Strategy Fund.

Isle of Man Government Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury providing information in relation to the publication of the Isle of Man Government Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Isle of Man Inflation Report – February 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Inflation Report – February 2023, prior to release on Monday 13 March 2023.

Quarterly Population Measure

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to a new population measure currently in development, preliminary results of this measure, and an outline of future development and reporting.

Bus Vannin Fares

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure providing information in relation to:

1. A detailed analysis of the financial and social impact of the £2 capped bus fare and;
2. A report on the funding pathway for the extension of the £2 capped bus fare until 1 April 2023.

Council noted that the X3 service between Ramsey and Douglas had seen an uptake in use. The Minister, DOI advised Council that local Commissioners had also indicated increased appetite for fast services between larger towns.

Summerland Fire – 50th Anniversary Commemoration

Council considered and **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office summarising the events planned to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Summerland Fire.

Update on Recommendations of the Poverty Committee

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing an overview on delivery of the recommendations of the two reports made by the Select Committee on Poverty.

Council **noted** the intention to lay the Update report, subject to Council's approval, before Tynwald in April or May 2023.

Council **noted** that oversight of delivery against the Select Committee's recommendations sat with the Health, Learning and Social Policy Board; the March 2023 Update notes that the Board is taking on the lead role for [work in respect of] poverty within government, and will report on measures to address poverty.

Isle of Man Labour Market Report – February 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information on the Isle of Man Labour Market Report – February 2023 prior to release on Monday 20 March 2023.

Sustainability of Community Pharmacy Network

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care providing information in relation to continuity of current community pharmacy provision and seeking the support of Council for proposed actions, including funding provision, to sustain the network.

Over the Counter (OTC) medicines Policy

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care providing information on its Over the Counter Medicines Policy, and a summary of implementation risks and mitigations.

Publication of Road Safety Partnership Chairman's report – January 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs providing information in relation to the Road Safety Partnership Chairman's report.

Updates to Poverty Committee Recommendations

Council **noted** that the update was returned with changes having been made in accordance with Council's discussion and feedback the previous week. The report would now be provided to the Poverty Committee and laid before the April sitting of Tynwald

Health and Care Transformation Programme – Quarterly Update

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing a quarterly update on the Health and Care Transformation Programme.

Part III
Council determined the following Planning Applications

Planning Application 22/00626/B – The Swiss House, Glen Helen

After consideration, Council **approved** planning permission in respect of the application by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

Council noted that a planning matter being located in a Minister's constituency did not of itself, render the Minister conflicted; though a conflict or perceived conflict may be the case if a Minister was involved in the application in some way, or had been lobbied about it.

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/online-services>.