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Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during February 2022

Part I Decisions made by Council

Covid-19 Update (Standing Item)

Council was provided with a verbal update on positive case numbers, vaccination take up and current known risks identified for vulnerable groups. Council **noted** that plans for the 'Endemic Approach' had been received positively by Tynwald Members and will be shared with the press/public shortly.

Data Sharing Memorandum of Agreement

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding on data sharing between the IOM Government and the UK Home Office to be signed by the Chief Minister.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding is signed by the Chief Minister and that the Case by Case Annex and the Person Search Annex be signed by the Chief Secretary.

Afghanistan Sanctions (Application) Regulations 2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Afghanistan Sanctions (Application) Regulations 2022 to be made and moved for approval at the April sitting of Tynwald.

Unauthorised Occupation of Land in a National Glen, on the wider DEFA Estate and/or the Government Estate

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA) regarding unauthorised occupation of land within a National Glen, on the wider DEFA estate and on the Government Estate.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that it does not support unauthorised occupation of land in a National Glen, on the wider DEFA estate and also on the Government Estate.

Covid-19 Update (Standing Item)

Council was provided with a verbal update on positive case numbers, the development of the 'Endemic Approach' in Jersey, Guernsey and England and the planned changes in Covid-19 regulations.

The Adult Social Care Services (Charges) Regulations 2022

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 2022 to be moved for approval at the March sitting of Tynwald.

War Memorials Act 2016 – Application from Government of Republic of Poland and Polish Airmen’s Association

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the creation of two War Memorials on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Polish Airmen’s Association UK to be erected in the Millennium Gardens, Douglas and the Garden of Remembrance at the Aviation and Military Museum, Ronaldsway; and that these memorials be added to the Register of War Memorials.

Additional Social Security Legislative items for the March 2022 sitting of Tynwald

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Income Support (General) (Isle of Man) (Amendment) (No.5) Regulations 2022 to be moved for approval at the March sitting of Tynwald.

Council of Ministers’ Committees

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for its proposed Committee structure. The following Committees were agreed: National Policy and Strategy Committee; Island Plan Delivery Committee; National Security Committee; Brownfield Regeneration Steering Group; Economic Strategy Board; Legislative Committee and the Justice Committee.

Covid-19 Update (Standing Item)

Council was provided with a verbal update on positive case numbers, the progress made by European countries in dismantling Covid-19 regulations and the Island’s move towards rescinding travel restrictions.

Emergency Advisory Group

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs seeking direction on options for the Emergency Advisory Group (EAG). After consideration, Council **agreed** to stand down the EAG and place it in abeyance; it will be ready to resume, should the need arise.

Ratification of Universal Postal Union (UPU)

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the UK’s formal ratification of instruments made by the Universal Postal Union to include the Isle of Man.

Approval for Climate Change Interim Target and Plan

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for three items to be moved for approval at the March sitting of Tynwald.

After consideration, Council **agreed to defer** decisions in respect of the Climate Change (Interim Target) Regulations 2022 and the Climate Change Plan. Council **noted** that the 2050 Road Map is contained within the Climate Change Plan.

UK – Singapore – Digital Economy Agreement (DEA)

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the inclusion of a Territorial Extension Clause to be included in the UK-Singapore Digital Economy Agreement.

UK – New Zealand – Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Isle of Man to be included within the scope of a Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

Public Appointments – Health Service Independent Review Body

Council considered and **agreed** a paper recommending the appointment of Mr Jeremy Theobald to the Health Service Independent Review Body (IRB) for a term of one year.

Covid-19 Update (Standing Item)

Council was provided with a verbal update on positive case numbers, the UK's 'Red Travel List' and the subsequent impact on the Island, the provision of free LFDs and the continued risks and responsibilities experienced by the Island's community in responding to Covid-19.

Draft Isle of Man Childcare Strategy

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Enterprise and the Department of Education, Sport and Culture on progress regarding development of a Childcare Strategy for the Isle of Man and plans to announce a public consultation on the proposed Strategy.

State Pension Revaluation Orders 2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the State Pension Revaluation for Transitional Pensions Order 2022 and State Pension Debits and Credits (Revaluation) Order 2022 to be moved for approval at the March 2022 sitting of Tynwald.

Amendments to Income Tax Bill 2022

Council considered and **agreed** an email circulated in relation to proposed amendments to the Income Tax Bill 2022, to be brought forward at the Clauses stage in the House of Keys on 8 March 2022.

Approval of Interim Target and Climate Change Plan

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for items relating to Climate Change to be moved for approval at the March sitting of Tynwald.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that a re-drafted iteration of the Climate Change (Interim Target) Regulations 2022 be moved for approval at the March sitting of Tynwald and that the Climate Change Plan be brought to Tynwald by July 2022.

Department of Infrastructure – Non-Executive Ministerial Advisor

Council considered and **agreed** in principle the appointment of Mr Anthony Charnley as a Non-Executive Ministerial Advisor to the Department of Infrastructure.

Appointment of Planning Appeals Inspectors

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval to appoint Mr Richard James Perrins; Mrs Jennifer Ann Vyse; and Mrs Frances Mahoney the Panel of Isle of Man Planning Appeal Inspectors.

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Council noted the following Matters

Update on the Climate Change Transformation Programme

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to:

- Consultation and approval process for the statutory interim target;
- Progress and approval process for the Climate Change Plan 2022-2027;
- Delivery of the Road Map to 2050;
- Progress on the extension of the UK's ratification of the Paris Agreement to the Isle of Man; and
- Guidance and Reporting for Public Bodies in respect of their duties under the Climate Change Act.

Isle of Man Inflation Report – January 2022

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Inflation Report January 2022, prior to public release.

Isle of Man Labour Market Report – January 2022

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Labour Market Report January 2022, prior to public release.

Determination of 'Extent and Nature' for European Union Vessels in respect of access to Crown Dependency Waters

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture providing information in relation to ongoing discussions with the UK and the Channel Islands on the implementation of fisheries related aspects of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and the UK.

Medicinal Cannabis Licence

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care providing information in relation to their intention to progress the implementation and regulation under licence for the importation and local dispensing of cannabis-based medicinal products.

Update on Isle of Man Ferry Terminal at Liverpool

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Ferry Terminal, Liverpool.

Gas (Tariff Fixing)(Parameters, Etc) Regulations

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Communications and Utilities Regulatory Authority providing information in relation to the Gas (Tariff Fixing)(Parameters) Regulations 2022.

Department of Home Affairs

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs providing information in relation to the Department's Delivery Plan.

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>.

Council did **not** determine any planning applications in February 2022.