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## **Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during March 2022**

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

#### **Russia Sanctions (Application) Regulations 2022**

Council considered and **agreed** an email circulated in relation to the Russia Sanctions (Application) Regulations 2022, seeking approval for the Regulations to be made and submitted to the May sitting of Tynwald.

#### **Covid-19 Verbal Update and Papers - Timetable for Endemic Approach Options**

Council was provided with a verbal update on recent proposed changes in the UK relating to foreign travel and the potential impact these changes could have on the Isle of Man. In particular, the change from hotel isolation to home isolation following travel through red list countries will mean that transit to the Isle of Man will not be preceded by any quarantine.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that:

- The current timeline for change to the endemic approach scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 is retained together with the associated border restrictions
- This may be subsequently modified to accommodate changes to the UK's 'red list' requirements at a later date when the detail is known, if required.

#### **Covid-19 Verbal Update and Papers – Lateral Flow Test Provision**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking direction on the provision of free LFD kits on demand.

After consideration, Council **agreed** the proposed framework for testing requirements and continued provision of free LFD and PCR tests in the short term, with the caveat that free testing be considered in more detail.

#### **Public Appointments – Manx Museum & National Trust – Interview Panel**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval on the appointment procedure for a Chairperson and the Trustees (between 7 and 13) to the Manx Museum and National Trust and to appoint two persons (non-Tynwald members) to the Interview Panel.

After consideration, **Council:**

- **Noted** that the interview panel must obtain professional advice in the appointment of Trust Members and that advice may be provided by the Director of Manx National Heritage and the Chief Executive of the Department for Enterprise; and
- **Agreed** with the recommendations made by the Chief Executive, Department for Enterprise and the Director, Manx Museum and National Trust, that Dr Catriona Mackie and Ms Lillian Boyle are appointed to the interview panel, joining the Minister, DFE and Mr Peter Greenhill MLC.

### **Updated Draft Isle of Man Childcare Strategy**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise seeking approval of the publication of the Draft Childcare Strategy for public consultation, to present to Tynwald a final Childcare Strategy for debate in July 2022.

### **Ratification of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Protocols**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Isle of Man to be included in the UK's ratification of two Protocols to the Chicago Convention relating to the governance of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

### **Review of the role of the Attorney General**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Chief Officer, Department for Home Affairs in respect of an external review of the role of the Attorney General and **approved** the recommendation that Stephen Wooler CB be appointed to undertake the review of the role of the Attorney General.

### **Recruitment for Chief Constable**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Chief Officer, Department for Home Affairs seeking direction from the Council of Ministers on short-listed candidates for the role of Chief Constable.

After consideration, Council **agreed** to approve the shortlisting of four applicants for the role of Chief Constable and **note** the next steps in respect of the recruitment process.

### **List of Items of Government Business – April 2022**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted from the Chief Secretary seeking approval for the List of Items of Government Business for the April sitting of Tynwald.

### **Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Local Authorities Regulations 2022**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the draft regulations to be subject to a 6 week targeted consultation and following the consultation that the Regulations are again considered by the Council of Ministers ahead of being made.

After consideration, Council **agreed**:

- That the Crown and Elections Team carry out a targeted consultation; and
- Following the consultation that the Regulations are then considered and made by the Council of Ministers in May 2022.

### **Future of Regional Swimming Pools**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture seeking approval to take action on the imminent financial risks the Department of Education, Sport and Culture face due to the financial issues regional swimming pools are experiencing.

After consideration, Council **agreed** to underwrite regional swimming pools and appoint an external body to conduct a review with recommended options, with the proviso that:

- Terms of Reference be clarified and agreed with clear reference to good governance
- All swimming pools be included in the review
- The distinction between Local Authority and central Government is noted (in terms of role and remit)

### **Future Travel Declaration Requirement Post 31 March 2022**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking direction from Council as to the requirement of a travel declaration in relation to future travel to the Island under the Public Health Regulations after 31 March 2022.

After consideration, Council **agreed** to allow the current regulations to lapse in their entirety, including the requirement to complete a travel declaration, at **11.59 hrs, 31st March 2022**

### **Russia Sanctions (Application)(No.4) Regulations 2022**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Russia Sanctions (Application) (No. 4) Regulations 2022 to be made and submitted to the May sitting of Tynwald.

### **Climate Change Duties: Guidance for Public Bodies**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Climate Change Duties – Guidance for Public Bodies (including the Fair Change Framework) to be published along with: an invitation to public bodies for feedback; an on-going programme of engagement; and a commitment to update the guidance after 6 months, if necessary.

### **Climate Change (Public Bodies Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2022**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for a four week, targeted consultation with public bodies to be undertaken in relation to the Climate Change (Public Bodies Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2022.

### **Council of Ministers' Sub-Committee (Legislation) Terms of Reference**

Council considered and agreed a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the draft Terms of Reference for the Council of Ministers' Legislation Sub-Committee.

### **International Co-Operation (Protection for Liability) Act 2021 Appointed Day Order**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the International Co-operation (Protection from Liability) Act 2021 (Appointed Day) Order 2022 to be made and laid before Tynwald. The Order brings into effect the International Co-operation (Protection from Liability) Act 2021.

### **Free Trade Agreement with Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office in relation to negotiations between the UK and the members of the CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership) for the Isle of Man should to be included within the full scope of this Agreement.

### **Isle of Man Visitor Economy Strategy 2022-2032**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise regarding seeking approval for the Isle of Man 2022-2032 Visitor Economy Strategy to be submitted to Tynwald, and that an annual report on progress should be included in the annual Department plans going forward.

### **Housing and Communities Board – Action Plan 2022/23**

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Housing and Communities Board Action Plan to be added to the list of Government Business for May Tynwald.

After consideration, Council agreed in principle to **accept** the Action Plan and provide **approval** for the plan to go to Tynwald in May. This approval was subject to required adjustments prior to publication on the Register of Business.

### **List of Items of Government Business – May 2022**

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

## II

### Council noted the following Matters

#### **Nuclear Incident Plan**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Civil Nuclear Incident Plan 2022.

#### **UK-India Free Trade Agreement**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Chief Secretary, providing the Council of Ministers with an overview of ongoing negotiation of various trade agreements between the UK and other jurisdictions.

#### **Investment Committee Structure Review**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by Treasury outlining the approach to review the Investment Committee structure post tender.

#### **Isle of Man Labour Market Report February 2022**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information on the Isle of Man Labour Market Report – February 2022, prior to publication.

#### **Isle of Man Inflation Report February 2022**

Council **noted** a paper provided by the Cabinet Office with information on the Isle of Man Inflation Report – February 2022, prior to publication.

#### **Crogga Emissions Statement**

Council **noted** a paper provided by the Chief Secretary to provide an update regarding progress with the assessment of emissions related to the Crogga project.

#### **Built Environment Reforms**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise with an update on the proposals agreed by the National Policy and Strategy and Committee.

#### **Department for Enterprise Delivery Plan**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise providing information in relation to the Department's Plan ahead of briefings to Tynwald Members and publication on the Register of Business.

#### **Treasury Delivery Plan**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury providing information in relation to the Treasury Delivery Plan.

#### **Isle of Man - UK Fishery Agreement**

Council noted a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture providing information in relation to the response to the UK Government consultation on the draft 'Joint Fisheries Statement'.

#### **Tynwald Commissioner for Administration – Report on Case 2006**

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the report of the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration on case TCA 2006. The report has been laid before the April 2022 sitting of Tynwald.

**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>.

**Application of General Importance – Wrights Pit North**

After consideration, Council agreed that the planning application (21/01000/B) requires determination by Council. This application relates to Wrights Pit North Landfill, Bride.

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.