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Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during July 2022

Part I Decisions made by Council

Social Security (Ukraine)

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval to move the Income Support (General) (Isle of Man) (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2022; the Employed Person's Allowance (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022; and the Social Security Legislation (Benefits) (Application) (Amendment) (No.7) Order 2022 via a Supplementary Order Paper at the July 2022 sitting of Tynwald (subject to the permission of Mr President).

Update on the Department of Health and Social Care's Complaints Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care providing an update on the Complaints Regulations due to be laid before Tynwald for approval at the July sitting of Tynwald.

Lateral Flow Test Update

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care with an update on the distribution of Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) and seeking direction for future use of LFTs.

After consideration, Council **noted** the update and **approved** Option B; Introduce eligibility criteria for free LFTs. Council also **noted** that Public Health will scope robust and long term, sustainable methods of Covid-19 surveillance.

Lateral Flow Test Eligibility

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with an update on the suggested eligibility for free Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test kits. Council **noted** that whilst it approves the principle of a representative cohort surveillance system, more detail on implementation is required before a decision can be made.

Climate Change Plan, Interim Target and Roadmap

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Isle of Man Climate Change Plan 2022-2027; Climate Change (Interim Target) (No.2) Regulations 2022; and Road Map to 2050 to be moved for approval at the October sitting of Tynwald.

Climate Change (Single Use Plastic) Regulations 2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Climate Change (Single Use Plastic) Regulations 2022 to be made and moved for approval at the next available sitting of Tynwald.

Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Application) (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Application) (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2022 to be made and moved for approval at the October sitting of Tynwald.

Improved Case Handling of Employment Related Litigation

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Attorney General's Chambers seeking approval, following Treasury concurrence, for funding of the creation of additional posts within the Litigation Division of the Attorney General's Chambers, on a permanent and limited term basis, to provide specialist support to Departments, Board and Offices in relation to employment related legal cases.

Highway Diversion (Public Right Of Way No.432, Foxdale) Order 2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval to move the Highway Diversion (PROW No.432, Foxdale) Order 2022 for approval at the October sitting of Tynwald.

Concerns at Work

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking direction on policy options regarding the proposed Isle of Man Public Service Integrity Line.

After consideration, Council **agreed** to approve the draft policy to go forward to the Public Services Commission, on the basis that further information on the workings of the process, enabling Government employees to report alleged wrongdoing in the public service, be provided. In addition, information relating to objectives and measurement of the initiative to be added to the policy document.

Appointment of a Deputy Industrial Relations Officer (Concerns at Work Initiative)

Council considered a paper submitted by the Manx Industrial Relations Service seeking approval of the appointment of a temporary Deputy Industrial Relations Officer (DIRO) on a six month limited term appointment to support the Concerns at Work Initiative.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that the Governor in Council appoint to the role of Temporary Deputy Industrial Relations Officer for six months, with a start date subject to the commencement of the Concerns at Work initiative.

Application to the Seized Asset Fund

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Financial Services Authority and Gambling Supervision Commission seeking approval for a sum to be allocated from the Seized Asset Fund for the purchase of a specialist Anti Money Laundering (AML) software system.

Independent Review in to Covid-19

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing an update to Council on the progress to identify a suitably experienced QC to chair the forthcoming Independent Review of the Isle of Man Government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic; and to seek approval of the appointment panel's recommendation for appointment in to that role. After consideration, Council **agreed** to approve the appointment panel's recommendation that Kate Brunner QC be appointed as Chair of the Independent Review in to the Isle of Man Government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Customs (Revocation of Application Order SD 2022/0096) Order 2022; Russia Sanctions (Application)(No.9) Regulations 2022; and Russia Sanctions (Application)(No.10) Regulations 2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the the Customs (Revocation of Application Order SD 2022/0096) Order 2022; Russia Sanctions (Application) (No. 9) Regulations 2022; and Russia Sanctions (Application) (No. 10) Regulations 2022 to be moved for approval at the October 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Economic Strategy Consultation Paper

Council considered a paper submitted by the Treasury outlining the proposed timetable for consultation of the Economic Strategy and to seek Council approval of the approach.

After consideration, Council **noted** the update on the Economic Strategy; and directed that the proposed consultation document be re-worked and circulated to Council prior to publication.

Living Wage Policy Options

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking direction on policy options regarding the 2022 Living Wage.

After consideration, Council **agreed** that to restore public confidence in the process for calculating the Manx Living Wage, external verification will be sought routinely in future from the Centre for Social Policy Research at Loughborough University as part of the verification process for the Manx Living Wage calculation and subsequent publication.

Council also **noted** that that the Living Wage Report will be published in the week beginning 8 August 2022 and the figure provided in the report, £11.05 p/h, will be adopted as the Isle of Man's Living Wage for 2022, with associated messaging explaining the reasoning for the new figure and outlining steps to ensure a miscalculation does not reoccur.

Council **noted** that the Isle of Man Earnings Survey was delayed due to partially relying on data from the Living Wage calculations. This is due to be published in the week commencing 8 August 2022.

Publication Scheme Code of Practice

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the launch of a consultation on a draft Code of Practice for Proactive Publication for Public Authorities.

Transfer of Climate Change Transformation Team

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the transfer of the Climate Change Transformation Team from Cabinet Office to the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

Part II

Council noted the following Matters

Monkeypox Update

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing an update on Monkeypox in the Isle of Man.

National Cyber Security Strategy

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs providing the updated National Cyber Security Strategy and the intention to publish the Strategy in July 2022.

Management Accounts March 2022

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury with the financial position as at the end of March 2022, prior to the publication of the audited Annual Report later this year.

Terms of Reference Housing and Communities Board

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing an update on the amended Terms of Reference for the Housing and Communities Board.

Isle of Man Labour Market Report June 2022

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Labour Market Report – June 2022, prior to release on Monday 25 July 2022.

Liquor Licensing and Public Entertainments Act 2021

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs providing information in relation to the draft consultation document for the secondary legislation and Codes of Practice under the Liquor Licensing and Public Entertainments Act 2021.

Isle of Man in Numbers Report 2022

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man in Numbers Report 2022 prior to publication.

Isle of Man Housing Market Review

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information in relation to the Isle of Man Housing Market Review prior to publication week commencing 08 August 2022.

Covid-19 Review

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing an update of the independent review into Government's response to Covid-19.

Memorandum of Understanding

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information on the signed Addendum and Annexes to the Data Sharing Memorandum of Understanding between the Isle of Man Government and the United Kingdom Home Office will be laid before the October 2022 sitting of Tynwald.

Part III
Council determined the following Planning Applications

Council was not required to determine any planning applications in July 2022.

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/onlineservices>.