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Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during July 2023

Part I Decisions made by Council

Transfer of the Health and Care Transformation Programme

Council considered and **agreed** in principle a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking direction on the proposed transfer of the Health and Social Care Transformation Programme to the Department of Health and Social Care with oversight from the Health, Learning and Social Policy Board. Council requested that an enhanced paper return to Council in September 2023 providing additional implementation detail.

Extension of Deputy Industrial Relations Officer Appointment

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Manx Industrial Relations Service seeking approval for an extension of the interim appointment of Deputy Industrial Relations Officer (Equality) Patricia Stearn for 9 months from 1st October 2023 to 30th June 2024.

Transfer of Functions – Immigration (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury and Cabinet Office seeking approval to submit the Immigration (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2023 to the Privy Council for making, and, once made, lay before the next available sitting of Tynwald.

Free Trade Agreement

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with an update in relation to a suite of Free Trade Agreements being planned, negotiated and agreed between the UK and various partners and seeking approval for draft wording of an accession protocol in relation to the UK's participation in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership CPTPP.

After consideration Council, **noted** the update in relation to a suite of Free Trade Agreements being planned, negotiated and agreed between the UK and various trade partners, on the understanding that External Relations officers will provide further updates as and when required and **agreed** the draft accession protocol.

Update on the Area Plan for the North and West

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the decision by the Cabinet Office Board to cease all further work on the Area Plan for the North and West in order to expedite progress on the New Strategic Plan and the start of the All-Island Area Plan. Council **agreed** that the item be discussed at a dedicated meeting with Planning Policy Officers.

Russia Sanctions (Application) (No.2) Regulations 2023

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

African Swine Fever (Importation Controls) Order

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Minister, DEFA to make the African Swine Fever (Importation Controls) Order 2023 and for the Order to be moved for approval at the October 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 to be laid before the October 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Appointment of Interim Information Commissioner

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with an update following the resignation of both the Information Commissioner and the Deputy Information Commissioner and seeking approval for the recruitment of an Information Commissioner on a limited Term Appointment for six months.

Pending the receipt of references, Council **agreed** that Mr Stuart Haynes be appointed as Information Commissioner from 24 July 2023, subject to the approval of Tynwald.

Consultations Results – Proposals relating to Fossil Fuel Heating Systems in New Buildings

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Climate Change Transformation Team to progress the recommendations set out in the 'Summary of Findings' document, and that the document be published.

Police Officers Recruitment and Retention Issues

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs seeking approval to respond to recruitment and retention issues involving police officers using a one-off payment from the Contingency Fund while the Department explore options for a long term and sustainable solution.

EUTA Fisheries (Buyers and Sellers) Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval to make the Sea Fisheries (Requirements) (Registration of Fish Buyers and Sellers) Regulations 2023 and for Dr Haywood MHK to move them for approval at the October 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Public Sector Pensions Authority Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Public Sector Pensions Authority seeking approval for the Vice Chair of the Public Sector Pensions Authority to lay the Public Sector Pensions Authority Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for year ending 31 March 2022 before the October 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Department of Education, Sport and Culture Independent Review of Funding for Schools – PAG Presentation to COMIN

Council considered a presentation delivered by PAG alongside a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture seeking direction on the findings of the Premier Advisory Group's (PAG) Review of Funding for Schools. The matter was referred to the Department for Education, Sport and Culture for further policy consideration.

Gas (Economic) Regulations Bill, Communications and Utilities Regulation Authority

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking direction on policy guidance on the scope of the planned Gas (Economic) Regulation Bill. After consideration, Council **agreed** that the legislation be developed with a focus on gas and that it include provision to bring in other regulatory legislation in future.

World Trade Organisation Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (UK Ratification and Extension)

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture with information in respect of the UK's entry into the multi-lateral WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies and seeking approval for the extension of the UK's international obligations to the Island.

Appointment of Employee Representatives to the Public Services Authority

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the nominations for appointment of two employee representative members to the Public Sector Pensions Authority. Mrs Debbie Halsall and Mr Ian Wright, will be appointed as Employee Representatives for a term of five years in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Sector Pensions Act 2011.

Isle of Man Government Refugee Policy Statement 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the Refugee Policy Statement, to be laid before the October 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

UK-India Free Trade Agreement Update

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with an update in relation to a Free Trade Agreement being negotiated between the UK and India and seeking approval for the Isle of Man to be covered by the Chapters relating to trade in goods, plus the Technical Barriers to Trade chapter in order for India to agree that coverage.

Town and Country Planning Act Amendment Bill and Secondary Legislation

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for public consultation on the Town and Country Planning Act Amendment Bill together with the broad approach for secondary legislation (Definition of Development Order and Registered Buildings Regulations).

Road Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Road Transport Licensing Committee seeking approval for the making of the Road Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2023 and the Order being laid before the October 2023 sitting of Tynwald.

Part II

Council noted the following Matters

Nationality – British Nationality (Regularisation of Past Practice) Bill

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office regarding the British Nationality (Regularisation of Past Practice) Bill (of Parliament) that automatically extends to the Isle of Man.

Isle of Man Inflation Report – June 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing information on the Isle of Man Inflation Report – June 2023 – prior to release on Monday 10 July 2023.

Isle of Man Bid to Host the 2029 Island Games

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture on the Isle of Man bid to host the 2029 Island Games.

Climate Impact Assessments: Update

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture on progress toward the requirements of Section 36 of the Climate Change Act 2021 (Re: Climate Impact Assessments)

Isle of Man Labour Market Report – June 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with information on the Isle of Man Labour Market Report – June 2023, prior to release on Monday 17 July 2023.

Prescription Charges and Exemptions

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care advising of the proposed policy position in respect of prescription charges and exemptions.

Government Management Accounts – March 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury providing oversight of the financial position for 2022/23.

The Government Code

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office with a draft updated version of the Government Code for information and to seek feedback and comments over the summer recess; with a view to laying the updated Government Code before Tynwald.

MoneyVal Preparation

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office on a programme of works to ensure that the Island meets and continues to meet international standards in respect of its Anti Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism regime.

Part III
Council determined the following Planning Applications

Council was not required to determine any planning applications in July 2023.

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>.