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Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers during December 2023

Part I Decisions made by Council

Haiti Sanctions – Extension of UK Law to the Isle of Man

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Haiti (Sanctions) (Isle of Man) Order 2023 to be made by the Privy Council (as a consequence of amendments made by the United Nations Security Council and in the United Kingdom to the Haiti Sanctions Regime).

Energy Strategy – Response to Motion

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval to submit a motion for January Tynwald. After consideration, Council **agreed** to approve the submission to the Register of Business, for debate in January Tynwald, a motion by the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture as follows:

‘That Tynwald a) accepts the Isle of Man Government Energy Strategy 2023; and b) notes the commitment to annual updates to be laid in Tynwald in July each year’

Energy Efficiency Scheme Amendments

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the DEFA Minister to make the Energy Efficiency (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 2023 and to move the Scheme for approval at the December 2023 sitting of Tynwald via a Supplementary Order Paper.

Social Security Legislation (Benefits) (Application) (Amendment) (No.3) Order 2023

Council considered, and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Social Security Legislation (Benefits) (Application) (Amendment) (No.3) Order 2023 [SD 2023/0274] to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Employed Person’s Allowance (General) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2023

Council considered, and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Employed Person's Allowance (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Social Security Legislation (Benefits) (Application) (Amendment) (No.5) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Social Security Legislation (Benefits) (Application) (Amendment) (No. 5) Order 2023 to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Social Security Legislation – January 2024 sitting of Tynwald

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the following items of subordinate legislation to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald: Social Security Legislation (Benefits) (Application) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 2023; Income Support (General) (Isle of Man) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023; Employed Person's Allowance (General) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2023.

Tobacco Products Duty Act 1986 (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1986 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Climate Impact Assessment Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Climate Impact Assessment Regulations 2023 to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Building (Amendment) Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2023 to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Veterinary Surgeons (Artificial Insemination) Order 2023 and the Artificial Insemination (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Veterinary Surgeons (Artificial Insemination) Order 2023 and the Artificial Insemination (Amendment) Regulations 2023 to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

EUTA Miscellaneous Amendment Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the European Union and Trade Act 2019 (Amendments) (DEFA) (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2023 to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Sea Fisheries ICCAT Regulations

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture seeking approval for the Sea Fisheries (Restrictions) (ICCAT) Regulations 2023 to be laid before the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Extension of Interim Information Commissioner's Term

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval to extend the interim Information Commissioner's current term for three months, to be moved for approval by Chief Minister at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald. After consideration, Council **agreed** to approve an extension of the interim Information Commissioner's term by *six* months (with a break clause at three months), noting that the additional financial costs involved are still to be confirmed.

Long Term Strategic Plan for Regional Sports Hubs

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture seeking approval for the Long Term Strategic Plan for Regional Sports Hubs with costed

options, prior to it being submitted to Tynwald for a decision, in accordance with the Tynwald Motion. After consideration Council **agreed** that:

- a) The Long Term Strategic Plan for Regional Sports Hubs be *laid before* Tynwald at the January 2024 sitting
- b) Option 3b (i): Close the Southern Regional Pool and use the funding saved to support delivery of the other facilities, with the other two Regional Pools remaining with their respective Pool Board and increase the existing subvention in line with the energy costs previously underwritten by Treasury on a permanent basis
- c) Further clarification to be provided on the long term, strategic, costed plan

Economic Strategy Annual Report 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department for Enterprise seeking approval for the Economic Strategy 2023 Annual Report to be received at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

National Autism Spectrum Condition Strategy 2024-2034

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care seeking approval for the National Autism Spectrum Condition Strategy 2024-2034 to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Special Guardianship (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Health and Social Care seeking approval for Special Guardianship (Amendment) Regulations 2023 to be moved

Modernisation of Insolvency Law – Drafting Instructions

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval to submit the appended set of Drafting Instructions to the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the Insolvency Bill.

Consultation on Appointment of Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs seeking approval to undertake statutory consultation of the Council of Ministers in relation to the appointment of Iain MacMillan as Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit.

Council of Ministers Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery Direction 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs seeking approval for the Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery Direction 2023 and associated Explanatory Memorandum to be made and laid before the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Appointments Commission – Public Appointment

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the appointment of Krystina Thompson to the Appointments Commission for a term of five years ending 1 January 2029, in accordance with the Tribunals Act 2006, to be moved for approval at the January 2024 sitting of Tynwald.

Climate Change (Infrastructure Planning) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Application) Order 2023

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure seeking approval to consult on the principles on the Climate Change (Infrastructure Planning) (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Application) Order 2023 prepared under the

Climate Change Act 2021, consultation to commence on 8 January 2024 for a period of 6 weeks.

Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill Permissive Extent Clause

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the UK's Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill to include a permissive extent clause but for the UK Government to be advised that it is not envisaged extension of the UK legislation to the Island will be required.

Armed Forces Act 2006 Amendments – Extent Clauses in new Bills

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for amendments to the Armed Forces Act 2006 in relation to service justice, to be made by the Sentencing Bill and Criminal Justice Bill, to extend directly to the Isle of Man in the same way as the 2006 Act itself.

Football Governance Bill – Permissive Extent Clause

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval for the UK's forthcoming Football Governance Bill to include a permissive extent clause for contingency purposes.

Extension of Industrial Relations Officer Appointment

Council considered and **agreed** a paper submitted by the Manx Industrial Relations Service seeking approval that the interim appointment of Nicola Batey as Industrial Relations Officer be extended by 6 months from 01 January 2024 to 30 June 2024, with provision that this appointment may be ended following a one month notice period.

Part II

Council noted the following Matters

Isle of Man Inflation Report – November 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by Cabinet Office with an update on the November 2023 Isle of Man Inflation Report, prior to the release on 11 December 2023.

Financial Information and Miscellaneous Accounts (Orange Book) – Years Ended 31 March 2018 and 2019

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury with the Financial Information and Miscellaneous Accounts (Orange Books) for the years ended 31 March 2018 and 2019.

Manx Development Council – Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury with the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 for Manx Development Corporation Limited, Manx Development Corporation – FNH Limited and Manx Development Corporation – WMV Limited.

Isle of Man Labour Market Report – November 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office on the Isle of Man Labour Market Report November 2023 prior to publication on 18 December 2023.

Funding of the Wright Review

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury on the additional expenditure from the contingency fund, as approved by Treasury, to allow for the completion of the Wright Review.

Public Sector Workers' Retirement

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office of the impending rescinding of the Policy on Re-Employment of Public Service Staff Following Retirement.

Public Sector Rental Setting

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Department of Infrastructure outlining an increase the public sector rent levy by 7.5% for the year 2024-25.

Government Accounts October 2023

Council **noted** a paper submitted by the Treasury with oversight of the financial position as at the end of October 2023.

Part III
Council determined the following Planning Applications

No Planning applications were considered by Council of Ministers in December 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>.