



Isle of Man Government

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Extract of Proceedings in the Council of Ministers February 2017

Part I Council Decisions

Cross Government Savings Team

Council considered a paper submitted by the Treasury seeking approval for the formation of a Cross Government Savings ("SAVE") Team, supported the formation of SAVE noting the political membership, and agreed to commit to working with the SAVE team to develop a necessary savings programme.

European Union Sanctions concerning Syria, ISIL and Al-Qaeda and Terrorism Measures

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the following Orders and Regulations in respect of amendments to measures concerning European Union Sanctions be made and submitted to Tynwald.

- European Union (Syria Sanctions) (Amendment) Order 2017;
- European Union (ISIL and Al-Qaeda Sanctions) Order 2017;
- European Communities (Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Order 2017;
- European Union (Syria Sanctions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017;
- European Union (ISIL and Al-Qaeda Sanctions) Regulations 2017; and
- European Communities (Terrorism Measures) (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Extension to Isle of Man of Agreement on a Unified Patent Court

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Economic Development and agreed that the Patents (European Patent with Unitary Effect) Order 2017 be made by Council and submitted to Tynwald and that the Patents (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2017 be made by UK Privy Council.

Isle of Man Government Unified Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2017

Council considered a paper submitted by the Public Sector Pensions Authority ("the PSPA") and agreed that the Isle of Man Government Unified Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2017 be submitted to Tynwald and moved for approval by Minister for Policy and Reform, as Vice Chairman of the PSPA.

List of Items of Government Business – February 2017

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed the Items of Government Business to be moved at the February 2017 sitting of Tynwald.

Extract of Proceedings in Council – October, November and December 2016

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed the content of the Extract of Proceedings in Council and that same be published on the Government website.

Bail (Amendment) Bill 2017

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs and agreed that drafting instructions in relation to the Bail (Amendment) Bill 2017 be submitted to the Attorney General's Chambers.

Sexual Offences Bill 2017

Council considered a paper submitted by the Department of Home Affairs and agreed that drafting instructions in relation to the Sexual Offences Bill 2017 be submitted to the Attorney General's Chambers.

International Development Policy

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed the Government's refreshed International Development Policy document, including objectives, funding mechanisms and criteria for applications, be published.

Immigration Points Based System – Administrative Functions

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that changes be made to the Immigration Rules in a 'Statement of Changes to the Immigration Rules' [SD2017/0066] to allow immigration officers to carry out administration functions under the Points Based System, and that the issuing body for Sponsor Licences and Certificates of Sponsorship be amended within the Immigration and Nationality (Fee) Order 2017.

2016 Isle of Man Census Report

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the 2016 Isle of Man Census Report be laid before Tynwald.

UK Syrian Resettlement Programme

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office setting out the position of the Isle of Man in respect of refugees and the domestic policy considerations relating to the potential resettlement of Syrian refugees in the Isle of Man, and agreed that the Isle of Man should not make an offer to the UK to resettle Syrian Refugees but instead continue to provide aid to supporting refugees through donations to humanitarian organisations and charities, and that to demonstrate this continued commitment, an initial donation be made to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

Beneficial Ownership Bill 2017

Council considered a paper submitted by the Treasury and agreed the proposed response to the amendments to the Beneficial Ownership Bill 2017 tabled at the Clauses Stage in the House of Keys.

Extract of Proceedings in Council – January 2017

Council considered a paper submitted by Cabinet Office and agreed the content of the Extract of Proceedings in Council for January 2017 and for the same to be published on the Government website.

BBC TV licences and the Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Council considered a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office and agreed that the UK Parliament's Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 ("the Amendment Regulations") be extended to the Isle of Man, and noted the progress with the discussions with the BBC in respect of future funding of TV licence fee concessions for Isle of Man residents aged 75 and older.

Public Appointments

Council considered and agreed the following Public Appointments, subject to the approval of Tynwald where necessary:

- John David Hollis, Christopher Mitchell and Jane O'Rourke be appointed to the Board of the Isle of Man Post Office for a term of five years, in accordance with the Post Office Act 1993.
- Mrs Heather Norman and Mr Jeremy Theobald be appointed to the Health Service Independent Review Body for a term of five years, in accordance with the National Health Service (Independent Review Body) Regulations 2004.
- The Venerable Andrew Brown, Roger Christian, Keith Dalrymple, Robert Dowty and Hector Duff be appointed to the Isle of Man Government Preservation of War Memorials Committee for a term up until following the General Election 2021.

Part II Matters Noted

Consolidated Management Accounts to the end of December 2016

Council noted a paper submitted by the Treasury in respect of the financial position for Central Government as at 31 December 2016.

Quarterly Report on the Economy – Quarter 4 2016

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing the Quarterly Report on the Economy – Quarter 4 2016.

Debt Counselling Service

Council noted a paper submitted by the Office of Fair Trading ("OFT") providing relevant statistical analysis of the Debt Counselling Service provided by the OFT throughout the 2016 calendar year, as supplementary information to the Quarterly Report on the Economy.

Summary of Brexit Work

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office providing a summary of recent developments and the ongoing work arising from the UK's decision to exit the European Union, and that the contents of the paper would be circulated to Tynwald Members for information and published (as appropriate).

Public Appointments – Manx Museum and National Trust

Council noted a paper submitted by the Cabinet Office seeking approval of the appointment procedure for a Chairperson and the Trustees to the Manx Museum and National Trust.

Isle of Man Currency – Pound Coin Changes

Council noted an update provided by the Treasury in respect of the decision that the Isle of Man would not be introducing the UK's new 12-sided £1 coin at the same time as the UK.

Credit Cards for Isle of Man Residents

Council noted a paper submitted by the Department of Economic Development providing an update on the current position with regards to the availability of new credit cards to Isle of Man residents.