

EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2015

Executive Council met today, Tuesday 6 October **2015**, with three items on the Open Agenda.

The Governor welcomed Acting Attorney General, Mr Walter Scott to the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was an application to approve an amendment to the South Atlantic Media Services Broadcasting Licence to allow for the previously agreed broadcasting of a third separate FM radio channel. Council was also asked to approve the transfer of the existing Broadcasting Licence from St Helena Broadcasting (Guarantee) Corporation Limited to South Atlantic Media Services. It was noted that the original licence had been issued before the organisation changed its name to South Atlantic Media Services. The above was approved by Executive Council.

For the second item, Executive Council was asked to consider and endorse the Welfare of Children (Adoption) Regulations **2015**. Executive Council welcomed these regulations as it gives the Safeguarding Children's Board the ability to sit as an Adoption Panel and make recommendations to the Safeguarding Directorate in relation to:

- Whether a person should be approved as an adopter
- Whether a particular child who has been identified for adoption and whose parents in Law is the Safeguarding Directorate should be matched to a particular approved adopter.

These regulations were approved and will be effective from tomorrow, Wednesday 7 October **2015**.

For the third item, Executive Council endorsed an amendment to the Better Life Allowance Policy which was introduced on 1 **September 2015**, allowing for an increase to the lowest band rate from £10 to £11.53. Executive Council reaffirmed its earlier decision that the Better Life Allowance is separate and will not impact on Income Related Benefits.

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