



## LEGISLATION PROPOSAL

to enact new legislation

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to amending existing legislation

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### 1. For the attention of the Chair of the:

- ☐ Economic Development Committee
- ☐ Education Committee
- ☐ Environmental and Natural Resources Committee
- ☐ Public Health Committee
- ☒ Social and Community Development Committee
- ☐ Other: .....

2. Name of Promoter: Karen Yon, Angelo Berbotto

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### 3. Background Information

*The Marriage Ordinance 2017 was passed in December 2017. It contains provisions enabling civil marriages to take place in locations other than the Castle. Marriages may now take place in premises that have been registered for that purpose and in a public place agreed by the Registrar.*

### 4. Evidence Relied on

*Marriage Ordinance 2017*

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**5. Details of Proposal**  
(attach further pages if necessary)

*The proposed regulations are made under s. 33 of the Marriage Ordinance and prescribe the process and the matters to be taken into account when a request is made to register premises or to hold a wedding in a public place.*

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**6. What will happen if no legislation is made**

*Civil marriages will only be possible in the Castle and the expansion of such weddings to hotels and other suitable venues will not take place. Weddings in public places will not be possible.*

**7. Impact of the proposed legislation**

*It is expected that hotels and other suitable venues will develop their businesses to hold weddings. Members of the public wanting a non-religious ceremony will have a choice as to where to get married. Some people are also likely to want to get married at a local beauty spot.*

**8. Proposed timescales**

*The proposed regulations could be brought into effect as soon as they have been approved by the Executive Council.*

**9. Promoter's Signature & date**

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## DECISION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL

10. The proposal was considered  
on [date]

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11. Officials & guests who dis-  
cussed the proposal

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12.a The Committee  
recommends no fur-  
ther action be-  
cause:

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or

12.b The Committee  
recommends that  
the following be  
done and the pro-  
posal be referred  
back to the Com-  
mittee on [date]

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or

12.c This is a man-  
date to the promot-  
er to prepare draft-  
ing instructions with  
the following direc-  
tions

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13. This proposal together with an ExCo Memo will be  
added as an agenda item at the ExCo on [insert date]

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14. The ExCo Memo will be prepared by

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15. Signature of Chair

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16. Date

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