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Memorandum for Executive Council

SUBJECT

Marriage Regulations 2018

Memorandum by the Chairman of the Social and Community
Development Committee

ADVICE SOUGHT

Council are asked to consider and recommend for enactment the Marriage Regulations 2018.

BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Members of the public wanting a non-religious ceremony will then have a choice as to where to get married. Some people are also likely to want to get married at a local beauty spot.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no additional financial implications from enacting these Regulations.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

5. It is expected that hotels and other suitable venues will develop their businesses to hold weddings.

PUBLIC/SOCIAL IMPACT

6. The Regulations expand the choices available to people wanting to get married in a non-religious setting and should therefore have a positive public/social impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7. The potential environmental impact on any proposed location should be considered by the Registrar-General prior to approval, in accordance with Regulation 3(1).

PREVIOUS

8. The SCDC considered the Regulations on 14.01.18 and

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**CONSULTATION /
COMMITTEE
INPUT** recommended them for consideration by ExCo as soon as possible.

**PUBLIC
REACTION** 9. Positive or no public reaction is anticipated.

PUBLICITY 10. In addition to publishing the regulations, mention will be made in the Ex Co report and associated broadcast. A press release will also be arranged.

SUPPORT TO 11. None.

**STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVES**

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ITEM** 12. This item is recommended for the open agenda.

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