

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 15th May 2018 at 9.30am in the
Governor's Office

Present: Deputy Governor (Miss L MacMorran)
Chief Secretary (Mrs S O'Bey)
Financial Secretary (Mr D Richards)
Solicitor General (Mr A Caswick)
The Hon A A Green
The Hon L A Henry
The Hon D F Thomas
The Hon R K Yon
The Hon C Scipio O'Dean

In attendance: Assistant Chief Secretary (Support) (Mrs G Francis)
Clerk of Councils (Miss L H Buchanan)

Overseas: Her Excellency the Governor (Mrs L Honan)
Attorney General (Mrs S O'Donnell)

OPEN SESSION

23.1 Welcome

The Deputy Governor welcomed all present.

23.2 Welfare of Children (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (ExCo Memo 24/2018)

The Chairperson of the SCDC introduced this memorandum, highlighting why the Regulations were needed. He also explained that there was currently an Elected Member in the role of Children's Champion, but that this role was not statutory and that these Regulations would address this. He also highlighted why it was important for Health to be involved with the Safeguarding of Children's Board, as medical issues would often crop up and professional input was needed.

It was noted that the Safeguarding of Children Board had already agreed the Terms of Reference for the Children's Champion role and Executive Council Members also agreed to confirm them as per the requirements of the Regulations. It was also stated that the Hon Christine Scipio O'Dean would remain in the informal role of Children's Champion formal appointment is made by the Governor following recommendation by the Chairman of the SCDC.

After some discussion, Members advised and the Deputy Governor agreed to approve the Welfare of Children (Amendment) Regulations 2018 for enactment and the Terms of Reference for the role of the Children's Champion.

23.3 Welfare of Children (Children's Residential Home) Regulations 2018 (ExCo Memo No 25/2018)

Crown Counsel (Community Care) was present for this item.

The Chairperson of the SCDC introduced this memorandum, explaining the background to the item and why it was necessary to bring the Regulations back to Executive Council. It was explained that the Regulations were presented to Executive Council on the 12th December 2017, but that the decision on that date was pending consultation with the Safeguarding of Children Board. The Board had since made multiple amendments to the Regulations and the item had to be brought to Executive Council for approval. Crown Counsel (Community Care) went through each amendment with the Members for clarification.

At Section 18(6) an amendment was agreed by Members that the words 'Elected Member' be replaced with 'person'.

After some discussion, Members advised and the Deputy Governor agreed to approve the Welfare of Children (Children's Residential Home) Regulations 2018 for enactment with the one amendment.

23.4 Confirmation of the Open Session Minutes of the 1st May 2018

The open session minutes of the 1st May 2018 were confirmed.

23.5 Matters Arising from the Open Session Minutes of the 1st May 2018

23.5.1 (22.7.1) Increase in Fees and Charges: Trademarks, Patents and Companies Registration (ExCo Memo 07/2018)

The Solicitor General confirmed that the matter in question was in fact a drafting mistake and that the **Attorney General would be able to correct this through a Correction Order.**

(Action: Attorney General)

23.6 Any Other Business (Open Session)

23.6.1 SEDP

It was noted that the newspaper, The Sentinel, made a mistake in their latest edition of the paper by referring to the SEDP as the 'Social Economic Development Plan' instead of its correct name. **It was agreed that the Head of Press would ensure the newspaper corrected the matter.**

(Action: Head of Press)