

No: 54/2018

Memorandum for Executive Council

SUBJECT

Legislative Programme 2018

Memorandum by Chief Secretary

ADVICE SOUGHT

1. Council is asked to advise:

- a) **whether the attached prioritised programme of primary legislation (Annex 1) should be approved for publication;**
- b) **what further re-prioritisation of the legislation identified as a top priority should be agreed; and**
- c) **whether the attached programme of secondary legislation ie Regulations (Annex 2) should be approved for publication.**

BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS

2. It has been past practice for a prioritised programme of legislation to be agreed by Executive Council in order to give a steer to the Attorney General's Chambers as to which legislation needs to be developed in priority order, as well as for Council Committees to progress legislation through their monthly Committee meetings.
3. Executive Council last considered a draft programme of legislation at a meeting held on 17th October 2017, when it was agreed that a new version of the programme, taking into account additional legislative needs that had been identified at that time, should be prepared by the Attorney General's Chambers and brought back to Executive Council for consideration.
4. The attached revised legislative programme indicates the current priorities which have been numbered 1, 2 or 3. Council will note that there are a number of pieces of legislation that have been allocated priority 1, 2 or 3 and others which as yet have not been allocated any priority. The attached list of Regulations has not yet been prioritised.
5. Council may wish to consider further prioritisation of the legislation items given a priority 1 rating, as some of these require a considerable amount of work to be done and further prioritisation would further assist the Attorney General's Chambers with planning their work programme to ensure progression as per Council's priorities.

6. Whilst it is anticipated that the programmes for development of primary legislation and Regulations will proceed in the order set out, it is important to note that a degree of flexibility will be required in the event that unforeseen legislation needs to be added to the programme and introduced as a priority, or in the event that legislation already planned needs to be given a higher priority for any particular reason.
7. Council will also need to take into account any implications associated with the delay in the introduction of legislation which has been given a lower priority or not given any priority at all at this stage.
- FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** 8. There are no financial implications arising from this paper but there may be financial implications associated with the introduction of the various pieces of legislation, which would be addressed by the relevant Council Committee during discussions and the formulation of the Bills and Regulations.
- ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS** 9. No direct economic implications arising from this Memorandum.
- CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES PUBLIC / SOCIAL IMPACT** 10. Not directly applicable to this Memorandum but some of the proposed legislation will have positive economic implications for the island.
11. If approved, the legislative programme will be published on the SHG website which should result in positive feedback from the public, as it will enable them to be aware of the work plan and also hold SHG to account if the legislation does not progress as intended.
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT** 12. None associated with this Memorandum.
- PREVIOUS CONSULTATION / COMMITTEE INPUT** 13. There have been various discussions at informal meetings of the Legislative Council regarding the legislative programme. Some pieces of legislation and Regulations have already been discussed by the relevant Council Committee. Working Groups are also in place for some matters such as Immigration and Social Security reforms.
- PUBLIC REACTION** 14. There should be a positive reaction from the public to see a published programme of proposed new legislation and Regulations.

PUBLICITY

15. If approved, mention should be made in the Executive Council Report and associated radio broadcast. In addition, the agreed programmes will be published on the SHG website. Council Committee Chairmen may also wish to have radio discussions to enable a more detailed insight regarding the legislation in the pipeline.

SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

16. The proposed primary legislation and regulations will support all National Goals and overarching Strategic Objectives.

LINK TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN GOALS

17. Some proposed primary legislation and Regulations will support the goals set out in the Sustainable Economic Development Plan.

OPEN /CLOSED AGENDA ITEM

18. Recommended as an open agenda item.

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