

**Open Minutes of the Social and Community Development Committee Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 12 December 2018 at 9 am in the Council Chamber**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	<b>Chairman:</b>	Hon Anthony Green (Hon TG)
	<b>Deputy Chairman:</b>	Hon Cyril Leo (Hon CL)
	<b>Members:</b>	Hon Derek Thomas (Hon DT) Hon Kylie Hercules (Hon KH)
	<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>	Mrs Victoria Kellett, Asst Director of Safeguarding (VK) Mrs Nicole Shamier, Government Economist (NS)
	<b>Secretary:</b>	Miss Nicole Plato, Executive Assistant (NP)
	<b>Apologies:</b>	Hon Gavin Ellick (Hon GE)

Hon TG welcomed all to the meeting with a special welcome extended to AM.

Open session

**1. Information Bill**

Hon TG advised that consultation on the Information Bill had been halted. Andrew Radley, Crown Counsel is in the midst of examining various documents so as to give guidance on the way forward as well as checking whether St Helena need to be GDPR compliant. NP to KIV update from Andrew.

**(Action: Crown Counsel/NP)**

**2. Confirmation of open minutes from the meeting held on 14 November 2018**

The minutes from the open meeting held on 14 November was confirmed.

**3. Matters Arising**

**3.1 SHNT (Amendment) Bill**

Hon TG reported that he had received an email from the Acting Attorney General in the absence of the substantive and had sent him all the relevant information to take this forward to ExCo to approve the changes to the legislation and for consultation to be undertaken. NP to keep in view (KIV).

**(Action: NP)**

**4. Prioritisation of SCDC Legislation**

Hon TG and Members reviewed the Legislative Programme as follows:

- *Review of the Immigration bill* is a priority and the working group is trying to get work completed so that they are on track with the programme which will be submitted to the SCDC and taken out for public consultation. June 2019 is the target completion date. NP to KIV.

**(Action: NP)**

- *Mental Health Bill & Health & Social Care Bill* – input from Safeguarding is needed. Hon DT to place this as an agenda item on the next Public Health Committee meeting agenda and invite Victoria Kellett to discuss so that the ordinance can be taken forward.

**(Action: Hon DT)**

- *Criminal offences* – NP to KIV a proposal from the AG's Chambers for the Committee to agree.

**(Action: NP)**

- *Limits to Personal Injury/Liability Claims* –NP to KIV a proposal from the AG's Chambers for the Committee to agree.  
**(Action: NP)**
- *Employment Rights Ordinance* need to be included on the legislative programme. The top priority is the minimum wage changes due to the 3 month notice period. Hon TG to advise the AG's Chambers accordingly and raise this at the next Info LegCo meeting.  
**(Action: Hon TG/NS)**
- *Safeguarding Board* – recommendation to combine adults and children's Safeguarding boards but no mandate has been given. NP to KIV a proposal from the AG's Chambers.  
**(Action: NP)**
- *Social Security Amendment bill* – the second quarter of 2019 (June) is the target date for completion of the review whilst also noting that the pensions part will take longer to look at.

Minutes Approved.....  
Chairman

Date: .....

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