

Memorandum for Education and Employment Committee

SUBJECT

St. Helena Research Council MOU

Memorandum by Mrs Wendy Benjamin - Director

- ADVICE SOUGHT** 1. Members of the Education and Employment Committee are presented with an oversight of the MOU for their information.
- BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS** 2. The St Helena Research Institute (SHRI) is seeking to secure an MOU with the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI). The purpose the MOU is to formalise the partnership that we have already established and to build upon this to develop research in areas of mutual interest.
- This MOU is the first of what we hope will be a series of similar such arrangements with local and international organisations that will provide mutual benefits to pursue our respective purposes and goals.
- We will seek the advice of the Legal Office on the draft prior to agreeing upon the final draft with the SHRI, St Helena Research Council and SAERI.
- FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** 3. There are no financial implications known at this point in time.
- ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS** 4. This initiative is seen as contributing to the targets as set out in the SEDP
- CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES** 5. n/a
- PUBLIC / SOCIAL IMPACT** 6. It is anticipated that this will have a positive impact on the research community of St. Helena and internationally.
- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT** 7. n/a
- PREVIOUS CONSULTATION / COMMITTEE INPUT** 8. n/a
- PUBLIC** 9. It is anticipated that there will be positive reaction to this MOU.

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REACTION

PUBLICITY

10. This document will involve and be shared with key stakeholders as and when required. Updates will be made public via reports to Education and Employment Committee.

**SUPPORT TO
STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVES
LINK TO
SUSTAINABLE
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN GOALS**

11. This paper supports the National Goals ALTOGETHER GREENER and ALTOGETHER WEALTHIER

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