

**Minutes of the Open Social and Community Development Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 13 February 2019 at 9 am in the Council Chamber**

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

Hon TG welcomed all to the meeting with a special welcome extended to TPN as the new Director of Safeguarding.

Going forward, Hon TG requested Members to allocate the whole day for SCDC meetings so that all Members are present for the whole meeting.

(Action: Members)

It was also noted that all day meetings might be a bit too long and therefore could be broken down in to two separate half day meetings. NP/Hon TG to bear this in mind.

(Action: NP/Hon TG)

NP/Hon TG not to accept late papers. All documentation for the meeting should be sent to Members the Friday before the committee meeting so that Members have sufficient time to read and digest information etc.

(Action: NP/Hon TG)

1. Introduction to the new Director of Safeguarding, Tracy Poole-Nandy

TPN was welcomed to the meeting. Introductions to the Committee were made.

TPN informed the Committee that her whole career was in social care with the last 25 years working in Children's Services in the UK. TPN also has a good understanding of residential services and had spent 12 years working in this particular area.

TPN is excited to be here and her contract is for two years initially. To date, in meeting with team members, she has noted that they are very motivated and the positives of the service have been highlighted by the team whilst also noting that they are on a journey and that there needs to be support for the continuation of the service, taking into account culture etc.

Hon TG said that the Committee will support TPN as much as possible.

2. Update on the Information Bill

Andrew Radley, Crown Counsel (AR) had received the legal opinion from the FCO on GDPR for St Helena. NP to KIV a paper from AR outlining their advice etc.

(Action: AR/NP)

3. Update on the review of the Immigration Ordinance

Hon DT reported that the working group was in the midst of finalising the review of the Immigration Ordinance but with staffing constraints in the Immigration office, this has been slightly delayed. Funding from the FCO has been supported to engage two consultants and they will arrive on Island in March/April. The target date for completion of the review is June 2019. The overarching policy has been challenging but it is hoped for this policy to be enacted to underpin other SHG policies. NP to KIV the draft Amendment Bill in June 2019 as well as the draft Immigration Policy.

(Action: Hon DT/NP)

4. Update on the review of the Social Security system

Hon CL reported that the working group had discussed the fast tracking of the Household issue and Nikita Crowie, Legal Officer was present at that particular meeting to give legal advice and supported the fast track option for household. The proposal to fast track the Household issue is being progressed through the AG's Chambers. NP to KIV proposal for the SCDC.

(Action: Hon CL/NP)

An options appraisal report is being developed that looks at the pros and cons of each option and costs. NP to KIV this paper for the Committee.

(Action: NS/NP)

Target date for completion of the review is second quarter of 2019 (June). NP to KIV proposed amendments in June 2019.

(Action: NP)

Victoria Kellett, Assistant Director of Safeguarding is taking forward the review of policies e.g. BLA and OT scheme.

NP agreed to send SCDC a copy of the updated SSRWG Programme.

(Action: NP)

Hon DT said that an emergency funding budget is needed to help people who are in desperate situations. Hon TG agreed to discuss with the Director of Safeguarding the safety net that currently exist. It is hoped that by sorting the Household issue these issues will be addressed, whilst also noting that no matter how good a system is there will always be one or two individuals who will fall through the net.

(Hon TG/TPN)

5. Confirmation of open minutes from the meeting held on 9 January

The open minutes of the meeting held on 9 January was confirmed.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Prioritisation of Legislation

Mental Health Bill & Health & Social Care Bill – this was discussed at the last Public Health Committee meeting and the administrative/logistical issues need to be taken forward with Safeguarding e.g. payments to guardians, training etc. Hon TG to take this forward with TPN.

(Action: Hon TG/TPN)

Employment Rights Ordinance – the AG had given the advice that SHG contracts does not need to include the requirements for the Private Sector to ensure contracts are given to staff and that the terms set out in the ordinance are adhered to e.g. sick leave pay etc. Hon TG was unaware of this and agreed to take this forward with the AG’s Chambers because the Committee had agreed previously that whilst this would be difficult to police in the Private Sector, if this was stipulated in the SHG contracts then this would encourage or incentivise the Private Sector to comply with the ordinance.

(Action: Hon TG)

NP to KIV mandates for the following proposed legislation:

- Criminal offences.
- Limits to Personal Injury/Liability Claims.
- Safeguarding Board (to combine Children’s & Adults boards).

(Action: NP)

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