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### **Memorandum for Executive Council**

**SUBJECT** 

Proposed revisions to the St Helena Ordnance Survey Map.

Memorandum by Chairman of the Environment & Natural Resources
Committee

**ADVICE SOUGHT** 

1. Executive Council is asked to consider and advise whether the proposed revised map of St Helena should be accepted, following suggested amendments to the draft map from the public, during a recent consultation process.

# BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS

- 2. The Ordnance Survey Map of St Helena, which is currently available for sale from the Customer Services Centre, was produced in 1990.
- 3. Since this time several changes have taken place on the Island, most notably the construction of St Helena Airport, the Airport Access Road and developments in Ruperts. The revision exercise has also enabled the position of two of the three Peaks in the central ridge to be corrected, public facilities such as toilets and bus shelters to be added and greater accuracy applied to the location of road tracks and paths. National Conservation Areas have also been added, and the 10 and 50 metre contours are more comprehensive than ever. Ruins and new buildings have been updated.
- 4. The St Helena map is a useful resource for people wanting to know geographical details about the Island. It is of special interest to tourists in helping them learn about and navigate the Island. Some tourists purchase a map as a souvenir of the island.
- 5. A revised map has been produced by the GIS team of the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate, working with an offshore company, Geomni UK. It is anticipated that an electronic copy of the final map will be made available to the GIS team by Geomni, for printing on Island from mid to late March 2020. A proportion of the costs of this project was funded by Enterprise St Helena. It is expected that the new map will be on sale from 1 April 2020.
- 6. A copy of the map will be made available at the Executive Council meeting. Comments received by the public are attached. (Annex A)

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# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. A revised map will no doubt be an attractive purchase by tourists and generate revenue. Data from the Customer Services Centre indicate that 300 copies of the current map were sold in 2018/19. It is recommended that the map is sold at a cost that at least covers its production, so will have no negative financial implications. Initial copies of the map will be printed by GIS to kick start the sale of the new map. Each map at (1:25,000) will cost £8.00 and maps at (1:25,000) will cost £9.00 per map for a set of 4, to print.

# ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

8. A revised St Helena map is likely to support the tourism product for the Island and therefore contribute positively to economic development.

### CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES

9. N/A

## PUBLIC/SOCIAL IMPACT

10. There is not likely to be any negative impact on the public.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

11. No environmental impact is anticipated.

### PREVIOUS CONSULTATION/ COMMITTEE INPUT

12. Progress on the production of this map has been reported on several occasions at the Economic Development Committee monthly meetings. Following the production of a final draft, the map has been out for public consultation. Members of the public were invited to make suggestions or comments on the map for consideration before it is finalised. These comments were considered by a Working Group that Tourism, ESH and the St Helena National Trust were invited to be a part of. The comments are attached to this Memorandum. If these suggestions are approved by Executive Council, then the map will be finalised for printing by mid to late March 2020.

#### PUBLIC REACTION

13. There is likely to be majority public support as a revised map with significant developments such as the Airport and associated structures recorded will be welcomed.

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#### **PUBLICITY**

14 Executive Council's decision will be covered in the media briefing following the meeting. If approved, separate publicity should follow including when the new map will be printed and where it will be made available for members of the public to view or buy.

SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 15. N/A

LINK TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOMENT PLAN GOALS 16. Supports Objective 10: Attracting visitors

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### OPEN/CLOSED AGENDA ITEM

17. Recommended for the Open Agenda.

Corporate Support Corporate Services

19th February 2020