

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TOP LINES – TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020**

### **Proposed revisions to the St Helena Ordnance Survey Map**

- **Executive Council approved the proposed revised map of St Helena to be accepted, following suggested amendments to the draft map from the public, during a recent consultation process**
- The Director of Infrastructure & Transport and GIS Manager joined the meeting for this item
- During the public consultation, comments received included changes relating to symbols used on the map and removing building names which are no longer used. The views expressed wanted to ensure that the map was as detailed and as up-to-date as it can be in this moment in time
- The new map is of particular interest to locals and tourists and Members recognised that the revisions process has been ongoing for some time and were keen to see it finalised
- Members raised questions around the retail price and wanted to ensure that the prices charged covered the full cost of production. Members also supported the price of the maps being reviewed on a regular basis
- Discussions on printing also noted a preference for on-Island production to ensure we are able to meet any demand. SHG will kick-start the process to ensure there are copies of the new maps available for sale from 1 April 2020
- Members were keen to encourage the private sector to retail the map and not SHG and this will now be explored with on-Island businesses, along with the option of having digital copies available to access and as another means of sale
- Members saw the new map as a very welcome update and development and fully supported the map being approved for printing.

### **Background**

- The Ordnance Survey Map of St Helena, which is currently available for sale from the Customer Services Centre, was produced in 1990
- 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 Rupert's. 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
- 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 St Helena

- 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
- 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.

### **Port and Aerodrome (Health) (Amendment) Bill, 2020**

- **Executive Council approved the Port and Aerodrome Health (Amendment) Bill, 2020 to be printed, published and presented as Government Business at the next formal meeting of Legislative Council on Friday, 28 February 2020**
- These were urgent amendments requested in light of the coronavirus outbreak and measures needed to be taken to prevent risk and outbreak of the virus on St Helena
- Three proposals to strengthen the Bill were requested:
  - Define “Chief Magistrate” so that an application to the Court for detention is not limited to being heard by the Chief Magistrate. The new definition will be that of Justice in the Magistrates Court Ordinance. This will allow for Lay Justices to hear applications. This is urgent as for a short period of time, beginning this week, St Helena will not have a Chief Magistrate
  - Make provisions to extend the periods of detention before an application for detention is made to the Court. At present the following detention time limits apply before an application is made to the Court for an Order for Detention:
    - 6 hours if a medical assessment is required for the purposes of risk assessment.
    - 5 hours after this for the application to be prepared and made.
 The Director of Health and Chief of Police have indicated that if a number of suspected cases arose at the same time this time period would be insufficient. The proposed amendment allows for these periods to be each extended to a total of 12 hours if agreed by the Chief Magistrate (or Justice as per definition). Given the need to be proportional when interfering with individuals’ liberty this is considered an advisable upper total amount of time (before a Court Order is made) and the required agreement of the Court for an extension of time in these areas gives a safeguard.

- Amend the definition of “proper officer” and provide for the appointment of a “proper officer”. Under the Ordinance only a proper officer can conduct the risk assessment, including detention and medical examinations. Due to the current definition of proper officer only the Chief Medical Officer, Chief Veterinary Officer and Environmental Protection Officer are proper officers. The Director of Health and Chief of Police have identified that they need more officers for this to be workable. The proposed Amendment is that proper officers are now appointed by the Governor following a recommendation from the Director of Health. This allows for the appointment of a number of additional officers
- Members recognised the need to be prepared for the event of any outbreak of not only Coronavirus but any virus and agreed that we need to implement correct procedures to address the issues at hand
- Members gave their full support for the Bill to be presented at Friday’s formal Legislative Council meeting.

## **Background**

- The risk of Coronavirus and measures needed to address or prevent an outbreak on St Helena are being considered through the Executive Resilience Committee.
- It is expected this will involve new Regulations or amendments to existing Regulations. These will be primarily under the Port and Aerodrome (Health) Ordinance for matters arising at the port and the airport and under the Public Health Ordinance for matters arising on St Helena. Although it is not certain until full details of the plans are received, changes to Ordinances, aside from those addressed here, are not at this stage anticipated. The changes in this Bill have been identified as urgent.

## **AOB**

- Public consultation on Fixed Penalty Notices has now come to an end. There was low turnout to the consultation sessions but valued input was received with no adverse comments. The Bill will now be presented at the formal Legislative Council meeting in March
- The Chief Secretary provided an update on the recent Exploitation training and advised Members of the issues raised by parents throughout the training, including:
  - Lighting issues and lack of Police presence at night in the Castle Gardens, at the Jamestown Wharf and at the Longwood Bus Shelter and Longwood Avenue
  - Lack of vetting of taxi drivers on-Island as well as need to regulate taxis
  - The need to reintroduce the prove your age card scheme

The Chief Secretary will now take these issues forward with the Safeguarding Children's Board and the public should be reassured that their concerns are being followed up.

As an aside Members also raised the need to have more activities available for the young people in our community.

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