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Memorandum for Executive Council

SUBJECT St Helena Equality & Human Rights Commission Framework Agreement

Memorandum by the Chairman of the Social and Community Development Committee

- ADVICE SOUGHT** 1. Executive Council is asked to consider and advise whether the attached draft Framework Agreement (Annex A) between SHG and the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) should be approved.
- BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS** 2. The EHRC met with the previous Governor and elected members of the Executive Council last year and agreed that the working relationship between SHG and the EHRC together with respective responsibilities should be detailed in a framework agreement.
3. The attached draft agreement is based on the Commission for Equality and Human Rights Ordinance, 2015 and the Paris and Belgrade Principles which are included as appendices 2 and 3 of the draft agreement. It also draws on the format of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Framework document.
4. It has been developed in consultation with the EHRC and has been reviewed by the AG's Chambers.
- FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** 5. The Commission for Equality and Human Rights Ordinance, schedule 1, section 3, requires SHG to pay the Commission such sums as appear to the Legislative Council reasonably sufficient for the purpose of enabling the Commission to perform its functions.
6. As stated in the draft Agreement, the level of funding from SHG will be determined during SHG's Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) cycle, based on the EHRC's Strategic Plan and annual work plan. The sum of £67,000 has been appropriated for the current financial year 2019/20.
- ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS** 7. There are no economic implications arising from this paper.
- CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES** 8. N/A

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PUBLIC/SOCIAL IMPACT	8. The establishment of a framework agreement between SHG and the EHRC should have a positive public and social impact. The agreement will be published and people will then be better informed about the relationship between the two parties and the respective roles and responsibilities.
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	9. N/A.
PREVIOUS CONSULTATION/ COMMITTEE INPUT	10. As indicated in paragraph 2 above, elected members of the Executive Council agreed that a framework agreement should be put in place some while ago. The draft agreement was discussed with the Social and Community Development Committee on 18 March, The CEO of the EHRC was in attendance and the Committee agreed that the draft agreement should be presented to the Executive Council for approval.
PUBLIC REACTION	11. This matter is unlikely to generate any public reaction.
PUBLICITY	12. The decision will be covered in the radio briefing following the meeting.
SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	13. N/A 14. N/A
LINK TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN GOALS	
OPEN/CLOSED AGENDA ITEM	15. Recommended for the Open Agenda.

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