

	<u>Memorandum for Social and Community Development Committee</u>
SUBJECT	<u>FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHG AND THE EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION</u>
	<u>Memorandum by Deputy Chief Secretary</u>
ADVICE SOUGHT	1. The Social and Community Development Committee is asked to consider and advise whether the attached draft Framework Agreement between SHG and the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) should be submitted to Executive Council for approval.
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.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	4. 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. 5. 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.
ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS	6. There are no economic implications arising from this paper.
CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES	7. N/A.
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. There has been no previous consultation with the Committee. However, as indicated in paragraph 2 above, elected members of the Executive Council agreed that a framework agreement should be put in place.
PUBLIC REACTION	11. This matter is unlikely to generate any public reaction.
PUBLICITY	12. This will depend on the outcome of the discussion and whether or not the Committee would like the draft agreement to be taken forward to Executive Council.
SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	13. N/A
LINK TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN GOALS	14. N/A
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OPEN /CLOSED AGENDA ITEM	15. Open Agenda item
Corporate Support Corporate Services	
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