

**Minutes of the Social and Community Development Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 14 April 2021 at 9 am in the Council Chamber**

<u>Present:</u>	Chairman:	Hon Anthony Green, Chairman (Hon TG)
	Deputy Chairman:	Hon Cyril Leo (Hon CL)
	Members:	Hon Derek Thomas (Hon DT) Hon Jeffrey Ellick (Hon JE)
	Non-Voting Members:	Mrs Tracy Poole-Nandy, Director of Children & Adults Social Care (TPN) Mrs Gillian Francis, Deputy Chief Secretary (GF)
	Secretary:	Mrs Nicole Plato, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services (NP)
	Apologies:	Hon Gavin Ellick (Hon GE)
	Invited:	Mrs Carol George, Head of Corporate Support (CG) – <i>for item 2 only</i> Miss Karen Henry, Custodian of Records (KH) – <i>for item 2 only</i> Miss Ann Muir, Social Policy Planner (AM) – <i>for item 3 only</i>

Open Session

Hon TG welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made. Members were reminded to declare their interest when necessary throughout the meeting.

2. Revised Draft Archives Lending Policy

CG and KH were welcomed to the meeting. CG advised that the policy had been revised in light of the Committees request.

CG reported that Solomon's Insurance Agency had also said that they cannot offer any indemnity cover now as their role is to deal with financial loss and to replace but because these documents are irreplaceable, SHG should accept that this is not a risk that can be transferred and SHG should therefore retain the risk. Therefore, the suggestion is to now reinforce how important the documents are by adding a penalty clause to the policy.

KH said it had been suggested that they identify and stipulate the venues for exhibitions in the policy and as such KH had written to both HE the Governor and the Museum manager to ask permission for this to be included in the policy but responses were still awaited from them.

GF supported the suggestion of including a penalty clause in the policy and removing the insurance clause because she felt that if we were to explore insurance off island it could be a long drawn out process any case and could be very costly. Members agreed this be explored.

Members recognised the invaluable job that KH does at the Archives in safeguarding the Island's national documents.

Hon DT was concerned that we are not able to get insurance because the archive documents are invaluable documents that can never be replaced and therefore they should be protected; we need to ensure that the safety nets are in place.

KH was also worried if something was to happen to the documents because no matter how high the penalty, they cannot be replaced which means that that part of history is missing.

Hon GE did not give his support to this policy, recognising that these documents are a part of our historical records and no matter how much we attach to them they will never be replaced. Hon GE felt that a photo copy of the document is given for exhibitions, not the original copy.

One member of the public joined the meeting.

Members gave full support for an Archives Lending policy that would allow:

- limited lending under very strict conditions;
- the maximum time for documents to be loaned out for an exhibition should be 2 days per exhibition rather than 2 weeks per month;
- excludes documents held on behalf of third parties.
- a penalty clause with a suitable fee.

(Action: KH/CG/Hon TG)

Hon TG advised that targeted consultation will also need to be undertaken on the draft Archives Lending Policy with those that submitted representations before the draft policy is resubmitted to ExCo.

(Action: KH/CG/SCDC)

KH and CG was thanked for attending the meeting; the member of the public also left the meeting at this point.

3. Adopting the Minimum Income Standard (MIS) as a means of identifying a socially acceptable MIS to inform the Minimum Wage

AM was welcomed to the meeting. AM said that the review of the MIS should be done on an annual basis to inform the Minimum Wage. This mechanism is used elsewhere in the world.

AM said that this goes some way in showing that SHG is serious about having a socially acceptable MIS. AM clarified that this does not have anything to do with IRB.

AM advised that in terms of the financial implications, we will need £1500 for the focus groups every four years as a maximum and it was agreed that this does not need to go to ExCo to agree.

SCDC agreed that an annual review of the MIS should be undertaken to ensure an up to date MIS is available to inform the annual review of the Minimum Wage. SCDC also agreed the use of the internationally accepted MIS methodology.

(Action: AM)

On behalf of the Committee, Hon TG thanked AM for all of her hard work on this, pulling together the focus groups etc.

4. Confirmation of open minutes from the meeting held on 10 March 2021

The open minutes of the meeting held on 10 March were confirmed.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Updated Elections Ordinance Review Report

NP agreed to check with the Head of Corporate Support if she had managed to clarify the point about Ascension right of abode with the AG's Chambers which could potentially affect

the current law on the 30 month stipulation of being continuously resident on island and could affect their eligibility to register to vote.

(Action: NP)

5.2 World Café Event

NP to KIV for the Committee the graphic recording from Sam Dunn.

(Action: NP)

5.3 Equality Legislation

NP was requested to arrange a meeting for Hon TG and TPN to meet with the AG's Chambers to discuss the clarifications from the EHRC.

(Action: NP/Hon TG/TPN)

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