OPEN SESSION

No: 02/2021

GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL MEETING

Open/Closed Session: Open Session

<u>Subject</u>: Development Application for the proposed construction of a Workshop, Office, Carpentry Shop and Storeroom (Retrospective Application).

<u>Presented by</u>: Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio.

Decision Sought:

Governor in Council is asked to consider and advise whether Full Development Permission should be granted, with Conditions, for the proposed construction of a Workshop, Office, Carpentry Shop and Storeroom in Upper Rupert's Valley as recommended by the Land Development Control Authority (LDCA).

A Report by the Chief Planning Officer is attached – Annex A and A(i).

Reason for Referral:

This Development Application is being referred to Governor in Council in accordance with Section 23(2)(b)(i) of the Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance 2013, as the grant of development permission must be considered as a departure from the Land Development Control Plan Coastal Zone policies. The proposed development is within Coastal Zone policy area and is not directly related to tourism activity or can be classified as being essential infrastructure. However, it also needs to be acknowledged that other Land Development Control Plan policies (Employment in particular) allows for development in such areas as it can be demonstrated that it provides economic benefits to the Island. Such benefits include the continuation of a variety of business services provided to the community by the applicant and employment creation to deliver these services.

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Minister, Environmental, Natural Resources & Planning

3 December 2021