



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
21st March, 2025

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden under Standing Orders 3 and 10, at 3.00 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 21st day of MARCH, 2025, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the CITY HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS NATALIE BYRON-TEARE, JP

Councillors

Mr A.J. Bentley

Mrs C.L. Wells

Mr I.J.G. Clague. MBE

Mr F. Horning

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr P.J. Washington

Mr S.R. Crellin

The Director of Environment and Regeneration (as Acting Chief Executive), Director of Finance, Director of Housing and Property and the Council's External Advocate were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Mr Councillor J.E. Skinner, Councillor Ms J. Thommeny and the Chief Executive.

1. **Papers before the Council**

Members had before them a report directly to the Council, submitted by the Acting Chief Executive (the Director of Environment and Regeneration), on the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023, together with legal advice provided by the Council's External Advocate.

2. **Report to Council**

Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That the Council receive a report from the Acting Chief Executive to consider the approach to respond to the Department of Infrastructure's letter dated 5th March, 2025."

Further motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That the Council consider the Motion in Committee."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Further Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That the Council resume proceedings in Council."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

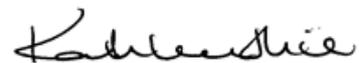
On resumption of proceedings in Council:

Further Motion moved by Councillor Mrs C.L. Wells, seconded by Mr Councillor I.J.G. Clague, "That the Council's External Advocate draft a letter to the Department of Infrastructure, in response to the letter from the Department dated 5th March, 2025, to request an extension to the consultation for reasons outlined at the meeting which are considered unlawful, and to request that formal consultation take place on new clauses 1 and 2."

Question put on further Motion, a vote was taken electronically and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Question put on amended Motion, a vote was taken electronically and was carried unanimously.

The Council rose at 4.18pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive