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List of Documents:	Annex 1 – Legislation Programme 2025/26 and 2024/25 Annex 2 – Summary of 2025/26 Legislation Programme and summary of delivery on 2024/25 Legislation Programme

1. Recommendations

Honourable Members are recommended to:

- (a) approve the 2025/26 Legislation Programme, full list in **paragraph 1 of Annex 2**
- (b) approve adding new projects in 2024/25 Legislation Programme (**paragraph 2.1 of Annex 2**)
- (c) note the full list of the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Programme **at Annex 1**); and

(d) note summary of delivery on 2024/25 Programme (**paragraphs 2.2, 2.3 of Annex 2**)

2. Additional Budgetary Implications

None

3. Executive Summary

3.1 This report follows a report made to CMT on 10 March presenting the proposed 2025/26 Legislation Programme. CMT approved the Programme and recommended a paper seeking Exco approval.

3.2 Some projects in the 2024/25 Legislation Programme which are unlikely to be completed for reasons given in **paragraph 1.1 of Annex 2** of this report, are recommended for inclusion in the 2025/26 Programme.

3.3 An update is provided on the 2024/25 Programme, and recommendations are made for additions to that Programme (**paragraph 2 of Annex 2**).

4. Background and Links to Islands Plan

4.1 Executive Council approved a revised process for compiling the Legislation Programme under paper 172/24 in October. A report under paper 5/25 was also considered by Executive Council in January on the progress of the 2024/25 Programme.

4.2 The minutes relating to Exco report 5/25 reflect that Members have concerns around Communications fees, Marine Managed Areas and Vaping projects. More on those projects below.

4.3 The Policy team continue to have oversight of other legislation to policy projects (referred to in 172/24 as “the long list”), and meetings have been held with Members of the Assembly to prioritise the projects for policy development; so that the projects are ready for legislative drafting. The projects which have already been prioritised are Education, Oil Readiness and Eligibility for adult care.

4.4 The projects which the policy team are currently assisting with policy development on are duty on Vaping products and Education.

4.5 CMT continues to monitor progress of projects, and on 10 March, they considered the proposed 2025/26 Programme. CMT agreed the proposed Programme which includes projects to be carried over from the 2024/25 Programme (**paragraph 1.1 of Annex 2**). CMT also recommended that some new items are added to the 2024/25 Legislation Programme (**paragraph 2.1 of Annex 2**).

4.6 No project is being removed from the 2024/25 Programme, signalling that the new system is stabilising the Programme.

5 Government Legislation Programme for 2025/26

5.1 Annex 1 contains the comprehensive proposed Legislation Programme; so it shows the 2025/26 projects recommended for approval and the current projects for 2024/25. A summary of each year's Programme is contained in Annex 2.

5.2 Annex 2 contains:

(a) the proposed 2025/26 Programme which includes carry overs from 2024/25 Programme, new projects and the annual projects (**paragraph 1 of Annex 2**);

(b) the 2024/25 Legislation Programme showing status of the projects being drafted and those for addition to that Programme (**paragraph 2 of Annex 2**); and

(c) work coming up raised by Directors during consultations (**paragraph 3 of Annex 2**); and

(d) Completed work (**paragraph 4 of Annex 2**).

6. Details of Proposed 2025/26 Legislation Programme

Recommended for Carry over from 2024/25 Programme

6.1 Seven projects on the 2024/25 Programme (listed below) are unlikely to be completed during the Programme year and it is recommended that they be moved to the 2025/26 Programme. Details and reasons are in **paragraph 1.1 of Annex 2**:

(a) Companies Beneficial Ownership Register: Policy approved by Exco under paper 43/25 in February. Prioritised as Essential and drafting instructions received 26/03/25;

(b) **REDACTED**;

(c) Marine Managed Areas: Policy development is being finalised; drafting instructions unlikely to be submitted in 2024/25;

(d) National Park Designation (Hill Cove): Project conditionally approved by Exco pending resolution of access issues. Negotiations are in progress for access;

(e) Oil Readiness Project (Offshore Petroleum Legislation): Work is ongoing, (x4 Bills & secondary legislation);

(f) Mental Capacity Legislation: draft policy approved for consultation under paper 191/24; final policy being developed after consultation and to be presented to Exco, (on FP for May); drafting instructions to be issued thereafter;

(g) Maritime SOLAS Chapter V - navigation, meteorological services, search and rescue etc, policy development underway with assistance of Legal Policy Adviser (on FP for June 2025).

Other projects for 2025/26 Programme

6.11 The rest of the proposed items for the 2025/26 Programme year include two new matters and the recurrent projects: (details in **paragraph 1.2 and 1.3 of Annex 2**):

- Companies (Amendment) Bill (**new**)
- Infectious Diseases Ordinance (notifiable diseases list) (**new**)
- Finance Budget Legislation (annual)
- Fisheries ITQ Fees (annual)
- Fisheries Fishing and Transshipment Fees (Illex) (annual)
- Currency, Coins Regulations (reactive)
- Animal Health (Emergency Measures for Outbreaks of Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Orders (reactive)
- Mental Health Practitioners Order (reactive)

6.12 Fisheries ITQ fees and Illex to ITQ, review: Below is more information on the ongoing review and the impact it might have on Programme.

- (a) **Fisheries ITQ Fees Regulations** (annual, to set fees for 2026). This work is normally done in second quarter of the Programme year. An extensive review of the process for setting ITQ fees is in progress and if a new method of setting fees is adopted, extensive changes may be required to the ITQ Fees Regulations. Early engagement with legislative drafters has been encouraged, for planning purposes. The 1st report on the review is on FP for May Exco, and the 2nd report, July. The legislation required to be drafted from the outcomes of the review might have an impact on delivery of other work on the Programme.
- (b) **Fishing & Transshipment Fees (Illex)** (annual, to set fees for 2026 Illex fishing licences and Transshipment). There is also a big exercise to develop policy around bringing Illex into the ITQ regime. This will require amendments to the Fisheries Ordinance, extent not yet known. The Department is also considering issuing longer licences in the interim. The impact of this work will only be known when the review is completed.

7. 2024/25 Legislation Programme

Steady progress is being made on delivery on the 2024/25 Programme. Details of progress of individual projects are in **paragraph 2 of Annex 2**.

Proposed additions to the 2024/25 Programme

7.1 Four projects, details in **paragraph 2.1 of Annex 2**, are proposed for addition to the Programme. These are; the Companies (Beneficial Ownership) project; the Mount Pleasant Complex Speed Limit (Amendment) Order; the Legal Aid review of thresholds; and imposition of duty on Vaping Products. The last two will be dealt with as part of the Finance Bill 2025, when instructions are received.

7.2 It is recommended that these new matters are added to the 2024/28 Programme.

Legislation currently being drafted

7.3 The legislation currently being drafted and the stage it is at is detailed in **paragraph 2.2 of Annex 2**.

Legislation to be drafted during remainder of 2024/25 Programme year

7.4 The list of projects to be drafted for the remainder of the Programme year are listed in **paragraph 2.3 of Annex 2**. These are not yet ready for drafting due to policy development not having been finalised and hence drafting instructions not received.

8. Legislative drafting capacity

8.1 The new processes around the Legislation Programme have resulted in a more stable and predictable Programme. The Programme contains items; (a) which are an Island Plan commitment for which policy development is already underway; or (b) which have been determined to be a “high priority project” by Executive Council.

8.2 Executive Council have previously specifically instructed the prioritisation of legislation required in connection with offshore minerals development; communications; marine managed areas; and companies beneficial ownership. Details **in paragraph 1.1 of Annex 2**. Drafting instructions for companies beneficial ownership have been received.

8.3 One of the two Legislative Drafters is still working full time in relation to offshore minerals development until the end of 2024/25 and most likely beyond.

8.4 The Head of Legislation has drafted two Bills (Coins Validation Bill 2025, and the Loans (Amendment) Bill 2025) which were passed by the Legislative Assembly on 27/03/2025. She is also involved in preparatory work around Communications and Misuse of Drugs.

8.5 Moving some of the big projects, as recommended, to the 2025/26 Programme, will alleviate the pressure on legislative drafting. In particular, Marine Managed Areas and Mental Capacity, which are very large projects. It is not clear when the drafting instructions will be ready for those projects. The review of Fisheries ITQ Fees and Illex to ITQ regime will impact on drafting capacity if extensive amendments are required.

8.6 In the event of a backlog, the option for additional legislative drafting resource will have to be explored (which will have a cost attached to it) or for Executive Council to reprioritise projects.

9. Options and recommendations

9.1 Executive Council have the following options when considering the Legislation Programme:

- Agree the 2025/26 Legislation Programme as recommended by CMT and agree recommended additions to 2024/25 Programme (**Option 1 Recommended**)

- Add other projects to the 2025/26 Legislation Programme or remove some items from that Programme, or consider other changes to that Programme (**Option 2**)

- that the 2024/25 Programme should continue with no additions (**Option 3**)

9.2 **Option 1 is recommended.**

10. Consultation

In addition to the ongoing joint work on the Legislation Programme with the Policy Team, Directors were individually consulted on projects for inclusion in the 2025/26 Programme. This paper largely reflects recommendations from the CMT meeting on 10 March 2025.

11. Resource Implications

11.1 Financial Implications

There are no direct/immediate financial implications (but see paragraph 8.6).

11.2 Human Resource Implications

There are no direct/immediate human resource implications (but see paragraph 8.6).

12.3 Other Resource Implications

None.

13. Legal and Legislative Implications

There are no direct legal or legislative implications arising from the recommendations of this paper.

14. Equalities and Human Rights Implications

There are no direct equalities or human rights implications arising from the recommendations of this paper.

15. Environmental & Sustainability Implications

There are no direct environmental or sustainability implications arising from the recommendations of this paper.

16. Camp Implications

There are no direct Camp implications arising from the recommendations of this paper.

17. Significant Risks

There are no significant risks in the recommendation of this paper.

18. Publicity

It is recommended that this paper be published, but no other particular publicity is required.

19. Reasons for Recommendation

19.1 The paper enables Members to plan ahead for 2025/26 Legislation Programme and ensures a logical progression of policies approved by Executive Council. Members are enabled to monitor and manage the effective delivery of those policies.

19.2 The recommendation reflects outcomes of CMT, Members' stated wishes on prioritisation of work, and recent ExCo decisions on significant policies for companies beneficial ownership, marine managed areas, mental capacity and communications.

ANNEX 2: Summary of Proposed 2025/26 Programme and Delivery on 2024/25 Legislation Programme

1. Legislation Programme: 2025/26 proposed list

1.1 Carry over from 2024/25

- (a) **REDACTED**
- (b) **Marine Managed Areas:** Policy is being developed from the report submitted by the consultants. The Director of Policy, Economy and Corporate Services advised that the work is advanced, but will not reach legislative drafting stage in this Programme year. A paper with policy recommendations is likely to be presented to Exco before the dissolution of this Legislative Assembly. The Legal Policy Adviser is assisting with reviewing the draft policy to be submitted for Exco approval and will further assist with drafting instructions. It is appreciated that this work is very important to Members and when it reaches the drafting stage, it will be prioritised.
- (c) The **Hill Cove National Park** Policy was considered by Exco under paper 07/25 Conditional approval was given pending agreement with landowners on access. Negotiations are advanced.
- (d) **Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty Bill and Regulations:** The policy supports the safeguarding of adults including users of Tussac House facility. The policy was considered by Exco under paper 191/24 and approved it for public consultation. Exco also approved inclusion of the matter in the Legislation Programme. The consultation has taken place and the revised policy is on the Forward Plan (FP) for April. Once the final policy is approved, drafting instructions will be issued. The Legal Policy Adviser is assisting with this project.
- (e) **Maritime SOLAS Chapter V** (navigational warning, meteorological service/warning search and rescue, life-saving signal, hydrographical service, ship routing systems etc). Policy development is underway and matter is on FP for June. This work has been rescheduled a number of times on the Forward Plan due to challenges that the Maritime Authority has experienced during the past year. The Legal Policy Adviser is now assisting with policy development and then issuing drafting instructions. There is a strong indication that this work will come on stream for drafting in the 2025/26 programme year.
- (f) **Companies Beneficial Ownership Register:** Policy was approved by Exco under paper 43/25 on 25 February 2025. Exco also approved the drafting of the legislation that is required. The Legal Policy Adviser worked through the issues and prepared drafting instructions which were received on 26 March 2025. The thinking is to have a stand-alone piece of legislation rather than amend the current companies legislation. This project will be prioritised after the budget legislation is completed. It is unlikely that the drafting will be completed during the 2024/25 Programme year, hence the recommendation to move it to the 2025/26 Programme.
- (g) The **Oil Readiness project** carries on. Drafting is well progressed on two Bills; the Offshore Petroleum (Safety and Environment) Bill 2025 and Oil Petroleum (Application of Laws) Bill 2025 (the names of the Bills may change as work progresses). The Oil Readiness Programme currently projects finalisation of key safety

and environment primary legislation in February 2026 – with regulations to follow in 2027 and 2028. A list of major anticipated Offshore Minerals legislation is contained in the Legislation Programme under Mineral Resources.

1.2 *New projects for 2025/26 Programme*

- (a) **Companies Amendment Bill** to increase audit thresholds for small companies. The policy was approved under paper 44/25 for legislative drafting. Priority given to this work by Members is low. The Legal Policy Adviser is working on drafting instructions for this project.
- (b) **Infectious Diseases Ordinance (Notifiable diseases list)**. This originated from the Law Commissioner and Head of Legislation as part of monitoring the United Kingdom (UK) legislation. The UK recently made the Health Protection (Notification) (Amendment) Regulations to come into force on 6 April 2025. The regulations amend the 2010 Regulations to enhance infectious disease surveillance. The UK regulations do not apply in the Falkland Islands but our Infectious Diseases Ordinance 2003 is in part, based on the UK 1984 Act, and contains similar provision to notification of diseases. Communication between the Law Commissioner and the Department of Health led to an agreement that there is need to review the Falkland Islands list of notifiable diseases annually. This work will be added to the 2025/26 Programme initially and subsequent Programmes after that. This work is essential, but not urgent.

1.3 *2025/26 annual projects*

- (a) Finance (Budget legislation, Essential)
- (b) Commemorative Coins Regulations (placeholder)
- (c) Fisheries ITQ Fees for 2027 (annual, Essential)
- (d) Fishing & Transshipment Licence Fees (Illex) for 2027 (annual, Essential)
- (e) Animal Health (Amendment) Order (Bird flu revisions) (reactive, Essential)
- (f) Fishery Products (Designations) Order (fishing vessels etc for export purposes (reactive, Essential).

2. 2024/25 Legislation Programme

2.1 Proposed additions to the 2024/25 Programme

- (a) **Companies Beneficial Ownership Register:** Policy was approved by Exco under paper 43/25 in February. Prioritised as Essential and drafting instructions were received on 26/03/25. This item also appears as a carry-over under paragraph 1.1 to the 2025/26 Programme;
- (b) **Mount Pleasant Complex Speed Limit (Amendment) (Mount Pleasant Complex Ring Road):** Policy approved in March under Exco paper 27/25. Drafting instructions are awaited;
- (c) **Legal Aid Scheme:** review of legal aid thresholds. Policy was approved under Exco paper 34/25; to be dealt with in Finance Bill 2025, drafting instructions are awaited;
- (d) **Vaping devices:** duty to be imposed under Finance Bill 2025; policy development in progress and drafting instructions awaited.

2.2. Legislation being drafted

- (a) **Budget legislation:** (annual) Drafting has well progressed, (x3 Bills & x2 secondary legislation). The Finance Bill will include provisions to impose duty on Vaping devices and policy development is underway. Customs and Policy are working together to develop the policy to inform the legislation. The Finance Bill will also increase thresholds for legal aid as approved by Exco under paper 34/25. Drafting instructions are imminent from the Head of Courts.
- (b) **Currency Notes (Amendment) Bill 2024.** This Bill makes minor amendments to the Currency Ordinance to enable the issue of new bank notes, particularly to allow flexibility regarding the size of notes. The Bill removes obsolete provisions like references to “Crown Agents”. The Bill also provides for appointment of currency officers who are currently legislated for in the Currency Notes Order. Moving the provision to the Currency Ordinance means the currency officers are able to perform functions for both coins and notes. The draft Amendment Bill is going through final review.
- (c) **Currency Notes Regulations:** for issue of new bank notes. The regulations will replace the Currency Notes Rules 1939. The regulations will allow changes in the sizes of notes and remove obsolete provisions. Drafting of the regulations is well advanced. These are required for commencement by August 2025.
- (d) **Retirement Pensions (Amendment) Bill 2025 (Married Couples Supplement).** Exco approved the policy under paper 85/24 and the Bill is in the last stages of drafting/quality control. The Bill removes discrimination regarding payment of current married couple’s supplement. This is only payable to married men and it was introduced as a cushion when women were not allowed to contribute to pensions. The amendment allows the renamed couples supplement to be payable to all partners in a marriage, same sex marriage and in a civil partnership. Currently there is a requirement that the husband receiving a supplement must show that he is supporting the wife. This has proved to be difficult for the pensions office to administer, leading to every married man receiving the supplement, even the well paid. The pensions

office is proposing a threshold which will be easier to administer and also ensure that the right recipients receive the supplement. Retrospective one-off payments are allowed for persons who were previously discriminated against. Draft Amendment Bill is going through peer review.

- (e) **Immigration Amendment Bill and Regulations:** Bill to make changes related to standardisation of grounds and process for loss of permanent residence permit. Penalties are also reviewed largely to provide for uncapped fines and increases in prison terms. Policy was approved under paper 42/24. The first draft was reviewed by the Department and one matter relating to sponsorship needs to be added to the draft. Drafting is well progressed and once agreement is reached with the Department, the Bill will proceed to next stages.
- (f) **Harbours and Ports (Amendment) Bill 2025 (Pilotage).** The draft Bill has been around for a while because of problems with implementation. Discussions between the Maritime Authority and the potential service provider have reached a stage where the draft Bill can now proceed. Some tweaks had to be made to the draft and it is now on FP for March under paper 9/24. The revised draft Amendment Bill and draft Exco paper were finalised and are now in the Exco domain (circulated for peer review on 4 April).
- (g) **Currency (Commemorative Coins) Regulations - No 2 - re Commissioners of Currency & Tower Mint**
- (h) **Offshore Petroleum legislation:** Drafting is well progressed on two Bills; the Offshore Petroleum (Safety and Environment) Bill 2024 and Oil Petroleum (Application of Laws) Bill 2024 (the names of the Bills may change as work progresses). The Oil Readiness Programme currently projects finalisation of key safety and environment primary legislation in February 2026 – with regulations to follow in 2027 and 2028. Some of the drafts are going through internal reviews. A list of major anticipated Offshore Minerals legislation is contained in the Legislation Programme under Mineral Resources – although the Oil Readiness Programme will almost certainly contain broader requirements for further regulation.

2.3. Legislation to be drafted during remainder of 2024/25 Programme year

- (a) **Communications Fees (Amendment) Regulations** (to effect Legislative Assembly Select Committee recommendations regarding, VSAT fees); Policy approved for consultation under paper 41/25; The Attorney General wishes the draft Amendment Regulations to be submitted to Exco at the same time as final policy paper. The paper for policy approval will be submitted after consultation around April/May).
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- (b) **Minimum Wage (Amendment) Bill/Regulations.** This relates to accommodation provision by employer (offset). The development of is going through final consultation and it is expected that draft legislation will be submitted at the same time as the Exco paper seeking policy approval. This is on the Forward Plan for June 2025.
- (c) **Mental Health Practitioners Order** (annual as requested). No request has been received yet for an Order to be drafted.

- (d) **Mt Pleasant Complex speed limits** (Approved at March Exco meeting, paper 27/25). Drafting instructions are awaited.
- (e) **Supplementary Appropriation Bills 2025** x2 (This is a placeholder). Normally two supplementary appropriation Bills are drafted after the Budget.

3. Upcoming work, 2025/26 possibly [not at stage for inclusion on LDP currently]

- (a) Road Traffic (Proposed pedestrian zebra crossing on Jubilee Road and proposed one-way section on John Street, between Dean and Villiers)
- (b) Fish Farming including Salmon Fishing (legislation to implement decision after current consultation process; legislation required once policy determined)
- (c) Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2005 may need to be amended to implement the outcomes of the review (see paragraph 6.12 of Exco report)
- (d) Immigration Amendment (review of appeals processes and PRP points system)
- (e) Fishing Convention ILO188 (Maritime) (on FP for August 2025) (removed from Programme under paper 5/25)
- (f) Education Ordinance continuation of review of Ordinance (Prioritised for policy development) (Special Educational Needs)

4. Legislation completed 2024-2025:

2024 - July to December:

Stanley Common (Spoil Tip) Regulations 2024 (SR&O No 8 of 2024)

Law Revision and Publication Ordinance 2017 (Amendment No 2) Order 2024 (SR&O No 9 of 2024)

Fishery Products (Designations) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SR&O No 10 of 2024)

Animal Health (Emergency Measures for Outbreaks of Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SR&O No 11 of 2024)

Fishery Products (Designations) (Amendment No 2) Order 2024 (SR&O No 12 of 2024)

Fishing, Trans-shipment and Export (Licence Fees etc) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SR&O No 13 of 2024) (2025 fees)

Statute Law Database (Rectification) Order 2024 (SR&O No 14 of 2024)

Court Fees (Waivers) Rules 2024 (SR&O 15 of 2024)

Correction Order 2024 (SR&O 16 of 2024)

Fisheries (Individual Transferable Quota Fees) Regulations 2024 (SR&O 17 of 2024) (2025 fees)

Supplementary Appropriation (2023-2024) Ordinance 2024 (No 9 of 2024)

Criminal Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (No 10 of 2024)

Supplementary Appropriation (2024-2025) Ordinance 2024 (No 11 of 2024)

Administration of Justice (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (No 12 of 2024)

Complaints Commissioners (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (No 13 of 2024)

2025 to date:

Law Revision and Publication Ordinance 2017 (Amendment) Order 2025 (SR&O No 1 of 2025)

Currency (Commemorative Coins) Regulations 2025 (SR&O No 2 of 2025)

Animal Health (Emergency Measures for Outbreaks of Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SR&O No 3 of 2025)

Currency (Commemorative Coins) (No 2) Regulations 2025 (SR&O No 4 of 2025)

Coins Validation Ordinance 2025 (No 1 of 2025) - validate unlawful issue of coins by Tower Mint (Validation Bill approved by Exco under paper 35/25 and passed by Legislative Assembly on 27/03/2025)

Loans (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 (No 2 of 2025) - enabling FIG borrowing (Amendment Bill approved by Exco under paper 37/25 and passed by Legislative Assembly on 27/03/2025)

RAG STATE	RED: LAW & REGULATION	Legislation and Purpose	Legislation Type (select from list)	Lead officer (Dept)	Priority set by ExCo (select from list)	ExCo approval for inclusion on Legislative Programme (Date)	ExCo approval of policy (Date)	Original projected completion date (commencement)	Current position (link to ExCo Forward Plan) - NEXT MILESTONE	Actual completion date (commencement)
Significant delay AMBER: Some delay or no timetable set GREEN: On target NO COLOUR: No target set	Directorate - Section:									
LEGAL SERVICES										
REGISTRY										
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Companies (Beneficial Ownership Register) Bill PURPOSE: establish Register of beneficial ownership of companies registered in the Falkland Islands Companies Register (and amendments to thresholds/fines etc)	AMEND PRIMARY/SECONDARY	AG	ESSENTIAL	25.02.2025	25.02.2025		EP43/25 - 25.02.2025 Policy approval & authorise legislative drafting; drafting instructions due March25	
NEW FOR LDP 25-26		Companies (Amendment) Bill PURPOSE: amendments to thresholds/fines etc	AMEND PRIMARY/SECONDARY	AG	LOW	25.02.2025	25.02.2025		EP44/25 - 25.02.2025 Policy approval & authorise legislative drafting	
COMMS										
CARRYOVER to LDP 25-26		Communications (A) Bill & Regs PURPOSE: potential consequential amendment re comms project for submarine data cable (Peraton)	AMEND PRIMARY + Possible Regulations	AG	HIGH	NEW 24-25 5-25 ExCo 28.01.25	25.02.25	TBC	No target dates set for legislation; not on ExCo FP; (update to ExCo 28.01.25 EP05/25); Policy paper 41/25 ExCo 25.02.25; MOVING TO 25-26 TBC	
NEW 24-25		Communications (Fees)(A) Regs PURPOSE: to revise the Communications (Fees) Regulations 2019 relating to VSAT licence fee following Select Committee consideration of a public petition	AMEND SECONDARY	AG	HIGH	NEW 24-25 5-25 ExCo 28.01.25	25.02.25	TBC	No target dates set for legislation; (update ExCo 28.01.25 05/25); Policy paper 41/25 ExCo 25.02.25 - public consultation/drafting instructions/legislation to ExCo Apr/May 25	
LAW COMMISSIONER (included for info only not part of Legislation Programme)										
N/A		Company Law Revision Purpose: Law revision project to revise company and business partnership law	AMEND PRIMARY	SLC/RCheek	NONE	n/a			to proceed in terms of LRPO	
N/A		LRPO updates/revisions PURPOSE: to review/update/revise LRPO2017 Schedules re applied UK legislation	AMEND PRIMARY	SLC/RCheek	NONE	n/a			to proceed in terms of LRPO (LRPO Amendment Orders 2024 x2); (SLD Rectification Order x1); (Correction Order x1)	GS6 30.04.2024 GS11 15.07.2024 GS17 10.10.2024 GS19 18.10.2024

RAG STATE: **RED:** Significant delay
AMBER: Some delay
GREEN: On target
 NO COLOUR: No target set

TREASURY - Section:		Legislation and Purpose	Legislation Type (select from list)	Lead officer (Dept)	Priority set by ExCo (select from list)	ExCo approval for inclusion on Legislative Programme (Date)	ExCo approval of policy (Date)	Original projected completion date (commencement)	Current position (link to ExCo Forward Plan) - NEXT MILESTONE	Actual completion date (commencement)
FINANCE & AUDIT										
NEW MATTER 24-25		Loans (Amendment) Bill PURPOSE: to amend existing currency legislation to remove redundant provisions; revise bank note sizes; new designs re HMK; update	PURPOSE AMEND PRIMARY	FS	ESSENTIAL	NEW 24-25 EP5-25 28.01.25	26.11.2024	unplanned/asap	Proposal to amend the Loans Ordinance 1979 in ExCo paper 193/24 (26.11.24) - drafting instructions are awaited from Treasury (AG working with Treasury); Bill to ExCo 25.02.25 EP37/25; Bill GS3 28.02.25; Legassy 27.03.25	
24-25		Currency Commemorative Coins Regs 2025 PURPOSE: to authorise new circulation coins and notes; and commemorative coins	NEW SECONDARY	Currency Commissioners	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	Annual Recurring	Nov24 & Feb25	RE-ACTIVE - FS advises 3-4 commemorative coins anticipated by Commissioners (multiple coin request received 01.11.24)	14.02.2025
NEW MATTER 24-25		Coins Validation Bill 2025 - PURPOSE: RE-ACTIVE - coins to be authorised by Currency (Commemorative Coins) Regulations 2025 issued prior to Regulations being published - requirement to validate those coins	NEW PRIMARY	Currency Commissioners	ESSENTIAL	Reactive - unlawful coin issue	Reactive - unlawful coin issue	unplanned/asap	RE-ACTIVE - requirement to validate commemorative coins as a result of unlawful issue; Bill to ExCo 25.02.25 EP35/25; Bill GS3 28.02.25; Legassy 27.03.25	
24-25		Currency Comm Coins Regs 2025 PURPOSE: to authorise new circulation coins and notes; and commemorative coins	NEW SECONDARY	Currency Commissioners	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	Annual Recurring		RE-ACTIVE - FS advises 3-4 commemorative/circulation coins anticipated by Commissioners - No 2 & No 3 REGS ANTICIPATED	
24-25		Currency Notes (Amendment) Bill PURPOSE: to amend existing currency legislation to remove redundant provisions; revise bank note sizes; new designs re HMK; update	AMEND PRIMARY	Currency Commissioners	ESSENTIAL	Oct-24	Oct-24	14.08.2025	ExCo FP Oct24 EP178/24; Drafting instructions received for amending Bill - first draft under review - legislation required for issue of new notes in August 2025	
24-25		Currency Notes Regulations PURPOSE: to replace existing currency legislation to remove redundant provisions; revise bank note sizes; new designs re HMK	NEW SECONDARY	Currency Commissioners	ESSENTIAL	Oct-24	Oct-24	14.08.2025	ExCo FP Oct24 EP178/24; Drafting instructions received replacement Rules - first draft under review - legislation required for issue of new notes in August 2025	
24-25		Appropriation Bill 2025 PURPOSE: Budget package for FY2025-2026	NEW PRIMARY	FS	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	Annual Recurring	01.07.25	FY2025-26: Q3-4 - BSC Jan-Mar25 - ExCo Apr/May25	
24-25		Capital Appropriation Bill 2025 PURPOSE: Budget package for FY2025-2026	NEW PRIMARY	FS	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	Annual Recurring	01.07.25	FY2025-26: Q3-4 - BSC Jan-Mar25 - ExCo Apr/May25	
24-25		Finance Bill 2025 PURPOSE: Budget package for FY2025-2026. Finance Bill is time consuming as broad range/complex amendments to various statutory fees etc	AMEND PRIMARY/SECONDARY	FS/Depts	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	Annual Recurring	01.07.25 01.01.26 01.07.27	FY2025-26: Q3-4 - BSC Jan-Mar25 - ExCo Apr/May25	
24-25		Customs Resolution 2025 PURPOSE: Budget package for FY2025-2026	NEW SECONDARY	FS/CoC	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	Annual Recurring	01.07.25	FY2025-26: Q3-4 - BSC Jan-Mar25 - ExCo Apr/May25 + VAPING FEES TBC	
24-25		Air Navigation Fees (Amendment) Regulations 2025 PURPOSE: Budget package for FY2025-2026	AMEND SECONDARY	FS/ADCA	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	Annual Recurring	01.07.25	FY2025-26: Q3-4 - BSC Jan-Mar25 - ExCo Apr/May25	
24-25		Supp App (24-25) Bill 2024 PURPOSE: to authorise supplementary expenditure as required	NEW PRIMARY	FS	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring			RE-ACTIVE [2024-2025/2024 re budget carryovers x1]	11.10.24

TAXATION

PENSIONS

24-25

Retirement Pensions (Amendment) Bill
PURPOSE: to review married couples supplement and address discriminatory provision

AMEND PRIMARY

FS/HPTP

MEDIUM

NEW 24-25

23.7.24 ExCo 01.01.25
85/24

LDI received; current draft under review by dept; (update to ExCo 28.01.25 EP05/25); HPTP:- Mar25 dept review; Apr25 LDs revise; EP/Bill to ExCo 06.05.25 [not on FP]

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24-25	POLICY	Minimum Wage (Amendment) Bill/Regulations PURPOSE: review regarding accommodation provision by employer	AMEND PRIMARY	DirPECS	MEDIUM	Rollover 23-24	ExCo 129/24	01.01.24 or 01.01.25 now 01.01.26	Policy well progressed; ExCo 129/24 Aug24; initial consultation complete. ExCo target Q2 2025 - consultation & ExCo Jun25 (legislation to accompany)	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26	ENVIRONMENT	Marine Managed Areas Bill & Regs PURPOSE: implementation of policy in connection with management and protection of marine areas	NEW PRIMARY/SECONDARY	Head Envnt	HIGH	New ExCo P 30/23 23/24; ExCo P9/24 23.01.24 Rollover 23-24	ExCo 46/21 24.2.21 ?	??	Policy underpinning work significant progress/LDI underway; Legislative drafting planned Q1 2025-2026; submission by consultant - options under review; next step ExCo for final approval. Draft policy under review - no further consultation - not on ExCo FP	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-27		National Park Designation Order & Regulations PURPOSE: legislative framework for creation of a national park at Hill Cove	NEW SECONDARY	Head Envnt	HIGH	New ExCo P 30/23 23-24; ExCo P 9/24 23.01.24; Rollover 23-24	21.02.2023	Feb-24	ExCo 18/21.02.23. Policy prep significant. Consultation Feb/Apr24. Next step ExCo for final approval - Policy paper on ExCo FP Jan25 (deferred - re access issues - not on ExCo FP); drafting instructions expected Feb25	

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NATURAL RESOURCES
 Directorate - Section:

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FISHERIES									
25-26	Fisheries ITQ Fees Regulations PURPOSE: annual fees revision for 2026 fishing season	NEW SECONDARY	DOF/DNR	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring		01.01.2026	Extensive review in progress, early engagement with LDs essential; 1st report to ExCo May25; 2nd report to ExCo Jul25	
25-26	Fishing & Tranship Fees Regs PURPOSE: annual ILLEX fees revision for 2026 season	NEW SECONDARY	DOF/DNR	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring		01.01.2026		
VETERINARY & BIOSECURITY									
25-26	Animal Health (Emergency Measures for Outbreaks of Infectious Diseases)(Amendment) Order 2025 PURPOSE: update animal health legislation post 2024/25 HPA1 season	AMEND SECONDARY	SVO/DNR	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	25.02.2025	prior to 25/26 HPA1 season	ExCo 25.02.25 EP24/25	05.03.2025
25-26	Fishery Products (Designations) PURPOSE: designation of fishing vessels etc as required s35 Fishery Products Ordinance 2006	AMEND SECONDARY	SVO/DNR	ESSENTIAL	25.04.2012 ExCo 121/12	25.04.2012 ExCo 121/12	none	2024 x2 Orders	First - 09.08.24 No 2 - 04.10.24

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ONSHORE										
OFFSHORE										
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Offshore Petroleum (Safety & Environment) Bill PURPOSE: work required to update core minerals legislation re health & safety and environment	NEW PRIMARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	29.08.2018 EP128; 07.11.2018 EP179; 27.06.2019 EP72;	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Offshore Petroleum (Safety & Environment)(Safety) Regulations PURPOSE: work required to update core minerals legislation re health & safety and environment	NEW SECONDARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	07.11.2018 EP179	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Offshore Petroleum (Safety & Environment)(Environment) Regulations PURPOSE: work required to update core minerals legislation re health & safety and environment	NEW SECONDARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	29.08.2018 EP128	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Offshore Petroleum (Safety & Environment)(General) Regulations PURPOSE: work required to update core minerals legislation re health & safety and environment	NEW SECONDARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	07.11.2018 EP179	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Offshore Petroleum (Safety & Environment)(Major Hazards) Regulations PURPOSE: work required to update core minerals legislation re health & safety and environment	NEW SECONDARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	??	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Offshore Petroleum (Application of Laws) Bill PURPOSE: work required to update core minerals legislation re health & safety and environment	NEW PRIMARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	07.11.2018 EP177	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Offshore Petroleum (Application of Laws) Regulations PURPOSE: work required to update core minerals legislation re health & safety and environment	NEW SECONDARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	07.11.2018 EP177	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Offshore Petroleum (Consequential and Related Amendments) Bill PURPOSE: work required to update core minerals legislation re health & safety and environment	AMEND PRIMARY/SECONDARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	07.11.2018 EP177	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)	

CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26	Tax Legislation (Amendment) Bill PURPOSE: update tax legislation re offshore petroleum legislation (including Petroleum Valuation)	AMEND PRIMARY	DMR	HIGH	Rollover 17-18 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	16.07.2014 EP145	2026	Safety Legn given first priority; working group meetings taking place; Policy work/LDI underway; currently focusing on safety, environment & broad application of FI laws offshore - drafting started Jan24 and ongoing (updated to ExCo 28.01.25 05/25)
NEW	Offshore Minerals (Amendment) Bill PURPOSE: amendment of OMO1994 re offshore decommissioning	AMEND PRIMARY	DMR	HIGH	ExCo 07.11.24?	ExCo 07.11.24?	2026?	May take priority over some of the currently-listed regulations. New item following an ExCo decision 07.11.2024 EP175

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CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION										
24-25		Immigration (A) Bill & amending Regs PURPOSE: (minor updates) amend/ update immigration system re authorisation for work, PRP points system & possibly other areas	AMEND PRIMARY/SECONDARY	CoC/Head Immigration	LOW	25.4.23 Rollover 22-23 Rollover 23-24	17.12.24 ExCo 42/94		Initial policy work complete; ExCo approved detailed policy 17.12.24; legislative drafting underway; not on ExCo FP; (update ExCo 28.01.25 05/25); drafting commenced	
NEW 24-25		Customs Resolution 2025 - PURPOSE: inclusion/addition of duty charge on vapes (if approved in budget process (see Treasury section))	NEW SECONDARY	CoC/Head Immigration/Treasury	ESSENTIAL			01.07.2025?? or 01.01.2026??	Policy development in progress and drafting instructions awaited	
MARITIME AUTHORITY										
24-25		Maritime/Harbours (A) Bill PURPOSE: Harbours (A) Bill - work to regulate pilotage within Stanley Harbour	AMEND PRIMARY and NEW SECONDARY	Head Maritime	HIGH	Rollover 22-23 EP9/24 23.01.24 Rollover 23-24	??		Bill drafted/Regs required. ExCo 6/23.01.24 re further consultation; further consultation Mar-May24; Policy paper on ExCo EP9/25.03.25	
CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26		Maritime (A) Bill - SOLAS Chapter V (Mar23 III Code Audit - finding 1) PURPOSE: Regs per s84A MO2017 re MCA recommendation to give effect to CapV SOLAS re undertakings in r4 re navigational warning, meteorological service/warning, search & rescue, lifesaving signal, hydrographic service, ship routing systems etc	AMEND PRIMARY	Head Maritime	LOW	25.07.23; EP9/24 23.01.24; Rollover 23-24	??	??	ExCo 25.07.23 EP103-23. Initial policy paper on ExCo FP Feb24 (delayed from Nov23). Policy paper on ExCo FP Jun 2025	
DEFENCE FORCE										
POLICE										
FIRE & RESCUE										

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MENTAL HEALTH

CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26	Mental Health Practnrs Order 2024 PURPOSE: annual order updating authorisation of mental health practitioners	NEW SECONDARY	CMO/KEMH	ESSENTIAL	Annual Recurring	Annual Recurring	Annual/As Required	RE-ACTIVE - minor updates to authorised practitioners dealt with under Too Unimportant powers
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SOCIAL CARE

CARRYOVER TO LDP 25-26	Mental Capacity & Deprivation of Liberty legislation: PURPOSE: deprivation of liberty powers - linked to opening of Tussac House	NEW PRIMARY/SECONDARY	DHSS/Social Services	ESSENTIAL	NEW 24-25 ExCo 17.12.24 EP191/24	ExCo 17.12.24 EP191/24	Sep-25	ExCo approved policy 17.12.24 EP191/24 . Legislative drafting post public consultation on policy (Dec24-Mar25); (updated ExCo 28.01.25 EP05/25); Post PC policy revision Mar-Apr25; ExCo FP May25; new timescales to be submitted
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PUBLIC HEALTH

NEW FOR LDP 25-26	Infectious Diseases Ordinance 2003: PURPOSE: updating of notifiable disease list (s3 & 4)	AMEND PRIMARY	DHSS/CMO	ESSENTIAL	Recommended to be Annual Recurring	Recommended to be Annual Recurring	Recommended to be Annual Recurring	ExCo - inc in LDP paper to Exco Apr25
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EDUCATION & TRAINING Legislation and Purpose
 Directorate - Section:

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FE/HE, FALKLAND COLLEGE & LIBRARY SERVICE

SCHOOLS & CAMP EDUCATION

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PUBLIC WORKS
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HIGHWAYS

NEW 24-25

Road Traffic (MPC Speed Limits) SR&O PURPOSE: revision of speed limits at MPC	AMEND SECONDARY	DPW/Roads Engineer/BFSAI		25.03.25	25.03.25		ExCo 25.03.25 EP/27-25	
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UTILITIES (Power, Water, Waste etc)

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DEVELOPMENT & COMMERCIAL SERVICES
 Legislation and Purpose
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PLANNING & BUILDING

FIPASS

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**COURTS &
 TRIBUNALS -
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COURTS								
NEW 24-25	Legal Aid Regulations 2020 - review of legal aid thresholds PURPOSE: AMEND SECONDARY	Head of Courts	ESSENTIAL	25.02.25	25.02.25	01.07.25	ExCo Feb25 EP34/25 approved - drafting instructions (inc with Finance Bill)	