

## Meeting Note

Subject: MEDICINAL CANNABIS INDUSTRY

Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Attendees: Senator Lyndon Farnham, Deputy John Young, Deputy Gregory Guida,  
Dan Houseago, Group Director Economy; [REDACTED]

Apologies: Deputy Richard Renouf, Health Minister; Senator Ian Gorst; Paul McCabe, Chief Pharmacist.

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### Background

Meeting called by Senator Farnham to consider political oversight for the emerging medicinal Cannabis industry.

### Discussion

The following points were considered:

- COM has approved the framework for developing the sector, which is also part of the existing Rural Economy Strategy.
- Coordination needed at officer and political level to understand relative roles and responsibilities across Ministries and departments, including for resources and prioritisation.
- This will be a trouble-shooting, strategy and policy development oversight group. It will not address specific cases or applications.
- [REDACTED] and coordinated political oversight will help to provide the conditions for success of the new sector.
- [REDACTED] on behalf of the Health Minister, the need for a formal political oversight group, particularly as licensing arrangements are set out in law and involve working closely with the UK. Any changes would involve amending Jersey legislation.
- [REDACTED] it was agreed that it would be useful to have an Environment representative (Minister or Assistant Minister) on the group to provide perspective. [REDACTED]
- A States Members' briefing is scheduled on 14th October to summarise the current position of the medicinal cannabis industry. Event may take place at a hemp farm with intro from LF followed by a video explaining precisely what the industry involves and how Gov is both supporting/promoting and regulating the industry. Event would end with a Q&A panel session.
- The first draft of the Scrutiny review into the industry was expected this week and likely to span all Ministries involved. A coordinated approach to the response would be required.

## **Decisions/Actions**

1. DH to draft terms of reference for the group.
2. LF to discuss political oversight group with RR.
3. DH to convene a meeting in the next two weeks to discuss the outcomes of the impending Scrutiny report and coordinate a response.