

## Medicinal Cannabis Ministerial Group Meeting Notes

<b>Meeting title:</b>	Medicinal Cannabis Ministerial Group
<b>Meeting Date</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Teams/in person
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture</p> <p><b>Ministers:</b> Minister for Health and Social Services, Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Environment</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Group Director of Economy, Acting Chief Pharmacist</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	
<b>Agenda:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Terms of Reference</li> <li>2. Sector Update</li> <li>3. Scrutiny Recommendations</li> <li>4. Jersey Cannabis Agency</li> <li>5. AOB</li> </ol>

Agenda Item	Meeting Minutes	Agreement
1	<p><b>Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (MEDTSC) began the meeting by thanking Ministers for their time and inviting any edits or comments on the draft terms of reference.</p> <p>Ministers noted the draft terms of reference and considered a number of suggested amendments. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Ministers emphasised that the terms of reference should note that one purpose of the group was to manage the development of the export industry and assist the Minister for EDTSC in his role promoting and developing the export sector.</p>	Ministers to give further consideration to the terms of reference.

	<p>It was agreed that further consideration would be given to the ToR to ensure this was reflected.</p>	
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Sector Update</b></p> <p>The Group Director of Economy (GDE) spoke to this item. Noting that three licences had been issued to date for Hemp cultivation and 5 for medicinal cannabis. GDE explained that the industry had grown organically to date and that the Island maintained a strong investment proposition thanks to its high regulatory and environmental standards.</p> <p>GDE commented that the industry had to date generated around £60m of inward investment into the Island during the development of the sector.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>GDE explained that the next major piece of work to develop the Island's offering would be to establish a bespoke set of regulations for cannabis production and export.</p> <p>The Minister for Environment (MENV) noted that he had recently signed an Order to bring cannabis cultivation taking place within an existing structure within the scope of planning permission with a requirement for an environmental impact assessment.</p> <p>MEDTSC noted this and asked whether the use of hemp as a cover crop would also be captured by the scope of this Order? MENV explained that this would not be captured as the Order applied to indoor structures (namely glass houses).</p> <p>GDE provided an update on the policy development work underway within the Department for the Economy. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>It was noted that this would help to shape the future of the sector and identify the appropriate regulatory regime</p>	

	required. It was envisioned that this work would conclude by September 2023.	
3	<b>Scrutiny Recommendations</b> This item was deferred.	
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
5	<b>AOB</b> There was no AOB.	

**Action Points**

Agenda item	Description	Assigned to
1	Updated ToR to be circulated for further edits from Ministers.	Private Office