

**Cannabis Coordination Meeting No. 30 *(as amended)***

**1100-1230hrs, Monday 18 October 2021**

**via Microsoft Teams**

**In Attendance**

[Redacted list of attendees]

Paul McCabe, Chief Pharmacist, Health & Social Services (PMcC)

[Redacted list of attendees]

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**Apologies**

[Redacted list of names]

Dan Houseago, Group Director, Economy (DH)

George Pearmain, Director of Financial Crime Strategy, Economy (GP)

[Redacted list of names]

**POINTS RAISED & ACTION POINTS**

**A. Standing items**

**1. Welcome, apologies and introductions**

- Apologies were made on behalf of DH, [Redacted] GP, [Redacted] and [Redacted] was introduced to the Group as the new representative from the States of Jersey Police (SOJP), replacing [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

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### 3. Minutes to Scrutiny (ALL)

█ noted that DH has asked this Group to provide a view █ on the: -

#### a) Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel report

➤ Officers have reviewed the report and provided their consolidated comments direct to the Private Secretaries.

#### b) Minutes to the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

➤ █ stated that the redaction of minutes was carried out using criteria as set out on MyStates. It was subsequently determined these criteria were out of date. The redactions were carried out in good faith but inaccurately due to the criteria being incorrect.

**Action 2: █ to obtain and circulate current guidelines on FOI requests and the redaction of minutes.**

➤ █ raised concerns regarding ~~confidentially~~ commercial sensitivity and the involvement of █.

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➤ █ posted in the chat function of this Teams meeting *inter alia* that: -  
'The Chairmen's Committee (now Scrutiny Liaison Committee) has published two codes of practice: one on engagement between scrutiny and the executive and one on the proceedings of scrutiny panels. The former was unanimously adopted by the States Assembly in 2018 (P.56/2018)'.

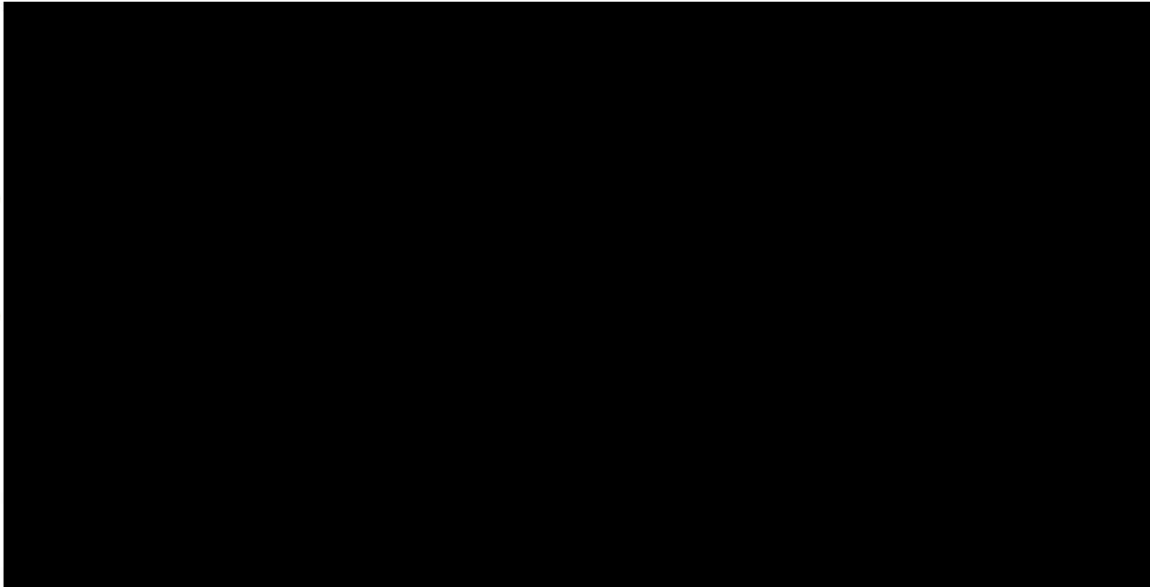
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**5. Environmental Impact Assessments (ALL)**

- [REDACTED] introduced this item for those new to the table. Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)s are a requirement of new developments and as such are laid down in an Order under the Planning and Building Law. Questions have been raised at previous meetings as to whether the cannabis industry should be subject to EIAs. [REDACTED] spoke to the Group at the last meeting, expressing [REDACTED] view. In summary, growing produce does not require an EIA, processing quite often does. The Health Minister wants EIAs applied to the processing elements. [REDACTED] suggested a discussion was had on making bodies statutory consultees to the Health Minister.



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**6. Policy resource (DH)**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has recruited an Agri-tech Officer so licencing could be morphed into this role.
- [REDACTED] posted in the chat function of this Teams meeting (and as noted in the last meeting), there is a licencing team in IHE which specialises in the administration of licencing in different areas who can potentially assist in this area.

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➤ [REDACTED]

## C. New Business

### 1. Reporting suspicious activity (ALL)

[REDACTED] feels that there has been some miscommunication during the last couple of weeks between the [REDACTED] and this Group over reporting suspicious activity. Can we get an understanding of what training is needed and what is required of us as officers to ensure all bases are covered from a legal standing?

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**Action 4: DH to email this Group re. reporting suspicious activity.**

### 2. New enquiries [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] noted that the onboarding process has been passed to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had a meeting the other day and it has been agreed that onboarding will be a joint process between them and then after initial assessment and if considered appropriate, applications moved onto [REDACTED] and PMcC.

**Action 5: [REDACTED] will notify [REDACTED] Senator Farnham [REDACTED] to inform S. Farnham that the first point of contact will be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]**

➤ [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] agreed and noted that this may come up in the presentation to States Members on the 18<sup>th</sup> November. We need to be able to demonstrate what is in place by 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- [REDACTED] agreed. Transparency in this area is really key and a big risk factor. As soon as we have points of contact established this needs to be published and discoverable **using open sources**.
- [REDACTED] has a table that has contributed to the draft proposition and has had discussions with DH as to whether it needs to be promotional piece, clarification around changes to the MoU and whether we go ahead and provide this information. [REDACTED] is happy to recirculate this table.

## D. Future Business

### Rolling Action Points from workshop / previous meetings to be actioned at a later date

1. Meet to produce an annual return for cannabis growers (█ & PMcC) – a rolling action noted for approx. Q4 2021 once all internal administration and processes are in place.

## E. Ending Items

### A.O.B. (ALL)

- █ stated that the Minister for Treasury and Resources has lodged the Tax Regulations which are fairly limited in scope. Tax had hoped that the Regulations would be broader and future proofed but have acknowledged that the Minister will possibly revisit the scope of the Regulations next year.
- A smaller working group possibly involving the economy and scientific officers of this Group needs to be formed.
- The debate will be in November just after the States Members briefing. █ is putting together a briefing pack and will circulate a Q&A document to this Group in case non-tax questions are put to the Minister.

**Action 6: █ to circulate a Q&A document to the Group in preparation for the States debate on the Tax Regulations.**

- █ noted that the first meeting of the Political Oversight Group (POG) was held recently, and DH is now preparing a ToR for the POG which will set out which ministers should be represented.
- █ closed the meeting █

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*Meeting closed at 12.03hrs. Next meeting TBA.*