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HOUSING CONTROL

Key current issues - policies and initiatives being worked on

Registered Exempt for older children of specified key workers – Law drafting instructions are being worked on to extend the current exemption provisions to allow older children (under the age of 25) of specified Health and Social Services key workers to be able to access employment. The specified key worker group specifically includes -

- Midwife
- Nurse
- Registered nurse: first level
- · Registered nurse: second level
- Social worker
- Specialist community public health nurse

This is primarily to support the recruitment and retention of staff in these specified professions.

Key current issues - in the media/ being talked about

Population policy – routine coverage across the media in relation to the Population Policy <u>Jersey Evening Post</u>

High net worth residents – there has been a recent focus on high net worth applicants, in particular those originating from Russia, and the amount of tax paid by persons approved as high net worth residents. It is expected that there may be a proposition brought forward for the minimum tax contribution to be further increased.

There has also been some focus on the number of approvals given. 2017 saw an unprecedented number approved – 34 – primarily due to the change in the minimum tax contribution which became effective from 01/01/2018. To date in 2018, there have only been 6 applications, 2 of which have been refused and 1 is pending a decision.

Emerging issues arising

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BUSINESS LICENSING

Key current issues - policies and initiatives being worked on

Population policy – extensive but usual coverage across the media in relation to Population Policy.

Key current issues - in the media/ being talked about

Reports in the Jersey Evening Post and Bailiwick Express have raised concerns over Policy direction and potential impact this may have on businesses; coupled with overlapping issues such as raising the minimum wage to £10 per hour and the potential affect employment in certain sectors, Agriculture, Hospitality, and Retail

Emerging issues arising