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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(12th Meeting)

28th November 2018**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Minister for Home Affairs, Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, Minister for Social Security and Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Treasury and Resources, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator J.A.N Le Fondré, Chief Minister
 Senator S.Y. Mézec, Minister for Housing (item B1 and part of item B2 only)
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
 Senator T.A. Vallois, Minister for Education
 Deputy J. Young, Minister for the Environment
 Senator I.J. Gorst, Minister for External Relations
 Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen, Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure
 Deputy C.F. Labey, Minister for International Development
 Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier, Assistant Minister for Social Security (item B1 and part of B2 only)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour, Assistant Minister for Social Security (items B5-B9 only)
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida of St. Lawrence, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs
 Deputy L.B.E. Ash of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Connétable C.H. Taylor, Assistant Chief Minister
 Connétable R. A. Buchanan, Assistant Chief Minister
 Senator S.W. Pallett, Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (item B5 only)
 C. Parker, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States
 T. Walker, Director General for Strategic Policy, Performance and Population
 R. Summersgill, Comptroller of Taxes (item B2 only)
 P. Eastwood, Deputy Comptroller of Taxes (item B2 only)
 A. Metcalfe, Director of Constitutional Affairs and Justice Policy (items B2 and B7 only)
 S. Sugden, Policy Officer, Social Security Department (item B2 only)
 D. Scott, Director, Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (item B5 only)

M. Rogers, Director General, Children, Young People Education and Skills (item B8 only)
A. Heaven, Director of Children's Policy (item B8 only)
M. Moffatt, Policy Principal, Community and Constitutional Affairs (item B8 only)
A. McKeever, Interim Director General for Health and Community Services (item B9 only)
R. Sainsbury, Managing Director, General Hospital and Ambulance Service (item B9 only)
D. Skinner, Interim Human Resources Director, Health and Community Services (item B9 only)
Dr. J. McInerney, Accident and Emergency Consultant (item B9 only)
P. Bradbury, Interim Ministerial Support Unit
M. Clark, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

Independent
Jersey Care
Inquiry
Citizens
Legacy Panel;
update and
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A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B3 of 4th July 2018 and with the Director General for Strategic Policy, Performance and Population, the Director General for Children, Young People, Education and Skills, the Director of Children's Policy and the Policy Principal, Community and Constitutional Affairs in attendance, considered a Report which set out the proposed approach to implementing the legacy recommendations of the Citizens Panel.

The Council recalled that the Citizens Panel had been established in response to the findings of the Report (R.59/2017) of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry (IJCI) with the aim of recommending an appropriate way for the Island to acknowledge its childcare history.

The Council further recalled that it had approved the 4 high-level recommendations of the Citizens Panel: a memorial, a Jersey Children's Day, provision of help and support for survivors and an emblem. The Council was advised that the Citizens Panel had been reconvened until July 2019, with the aim of ensuring that the views of survivors continued to shape the detail of the various commemorative elements.

The Citizens Panel had identified the proposed redevelopment of Weybridge Place and Liberation Square as their preferred site for the memorial, having acknowledged that challenges would exist in siting it, as originally envisaged, in the Royal Square. The Citizens Panel was hopeful that a smaller installation, connected to the principal memorial, could be located near to the States Chamber.

It was proposed that Jersey Children's Day would be commemorated for the first time in 2019; the Citizens Panel had considered whether the date should coincide with the publication of the IJCI Report (which had been released in early July 2017) and would make a final recommendation, regarding the date and the overall format and focus of the day, in due course.

The Council recognised that Jersey did not currently have a formal care-leavers organisation, although a network for (and led by) care-experienced people was being scoped as part of the Corporate Parenting policy by the Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills. This would form one strand of the recommendation to improve the help and support available for survivors, along with enhanced mental health provisions and independent advocacy services. The Policy Principal stressed that the intention was to develop and enhance services which already existed, rather than to pioneer a completely new provision.

The Council was content to note the progress made towards realisation of the Citizens Panel recommendations and approved the next steps proposed in the Report:

- (1) officers of Strategic Performance, Policy and Population would present a business case to the Investment Appraisal Board in order to secure funding for the memorial;
- (2) a formal application would be made to site a memorial at Liberation Square or Weybridge Place, along with identifying a further location near the Royal Square for a smaller installation. Thereafter, a design brief was to be developed in conjunction with the Citizens Panel;
- (3) a Children's Day steering group would be established in conjunction with the Citizens Panel, with a view to the first Jersey Children's Day being commemorated in 2019; and
- (4) Strategic Policy, Performance and Population would continue to facilitate discussions between the Citizens Panel, States departments and other relevant agencies in order to improve the help and support offered to survivors and their families.

Officers were directed to take the necessary action.