



# Douglas Borough Council

## Committee Report

<b>REPORT TO</b>	
Executive Committee	
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December, 2022	
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	
Democratic Services Officer	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	
Public Consultation – Public Sector Payments Bill	
<b>1</b>	<b>REASON FOR REPORT</b>
	Consultation Document published by the Isle of Man Government
<b>2</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the consultation be noted;</li><li>2. That the responses to the individual questions contained in the consultation, as set out in Appendix A hereto, be submitted as the Council's response.</li></ol>
<b>3</b>	<b>FURTHER APPROVAL REQUIRED</b>
	No further approval required.
<b>4</b>	<b>SUPPORTING RATIONALE</b>
	<p>The Consultation Document was published on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022, with a closing date of 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The Public Sector Payments Bill is a proposed piece of legislation that will replace the Payment of Members Expenses Act 1989. The consultation seeks views on ten key policy proposal areas.</p> <p>Most of the proposed changes to the Payments of Members Expenses Act 1989 will not impact the local authority Member allowance scheme, which is paid under the Local Government (Members' Attendance Allowances) Order 2013. There is one proposed policy change that could impact Members, and the Council's employees, Proposal 4 on travel allowances.</p> <p>With this in mind, most questions have been answered with 'no view', however, where relevant, there has been reference made to the need for the Local Government (Members' Attendance Allowances) to be reviewed and updated.</p>

<b>5</b>	<b>ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED BUT NOT RECOMMENDED</b>
	Not to offer any response to the consultation exercise which could have an impact on Member and employee allowances.
<b>6</b>	<b>IF PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL, DATE AND DECISION</b>
	Not applicable.
<b>7</b>	<b>CAPITAL COST AND FUNDING SOURCE</b>
	None.
<b>8</b>	<b>CHANGES TO REVENUE ESTIMATES AND FUNDING SOURCE</b>
	None.
<b>9</b>	<b>STAFFING/HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</b>
	A change in the Order could impact the staff casual car user allowances.
<b>10</b>	<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>
	None.
<b>11</b>	<b>EQUALITY ACT COMPLIANCE</b>
	Not applicable.
<b>12</b>	<b>COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE PLAN</b>
	Not applicable.
<b>13</b>	<b>BUSINESS RISK IMPLICATIONS</b>
	None.
<b>14</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT</b>
	None.
<b>15</b>	<b>IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (of the Borough or Island)</b>
	None.
<b>16</b>	<b>CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES</b>
	None.
<b>17</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
	Appendix A: Proposed responses to the Consultation;
<b>18</b>	<b>REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY</b>

	None.
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RESPONSIBLE CHIEF OFFICER	<b>Chief Executive</b>
DATE	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>