

## **(L) Procedure for dealing with Government Consultation Documents**

When any public consultation document issued by the Isle of Man Government is received by the Council it will be dealt with as follows:

1. The Chief Executive will scrutinise the document to ascertain whether it merits consideration because the subject matter could affect the Council, its services, or the Borough of Douglas, and will

EITHER,

- (a) (in case the document is not relevant), circulate Members of the Council to notify them that it has been received and where it may be read, and that it is intended not to offer any comment on behalf of the Council;

OR,

- (b) if the document does have relevance, advise Members of the Council that it has been received and where it may be read, and invite them to submit any comments for consideration by the Executive Committee in formulating a response;

AND,

- (c) in either case, if any Member puts forward any comments they will be collated and attached to a report by the appropriate Officer to the Executive Committee.

2. Nothing in part 1 of this procedure shall preclude the Chief Executive referring a consultation document to another Committee as well as the Executive Committee if the subject matter is such as to fall within that other Committee's remit. In such case the response shall only be sent after consideration by the Executive Committee.
3. This procedure shall apply to public consultation documents only and not to cases where the Council or all local authorities are consulted specifically on any issue by the Government.