

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title of Report: HQ BFSAI Proposal for the Refurbishment of Mount Pleasant Complex Accommodation
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1.0 Purpose

This paper reviews a request from HQ BFSAI to allocate the £150,000 capital funding which has been allocated annually under code 999 – 3064 as part of FIG's contribution to the defence of the Islands and normally intended to provide new housing builds at Mount Pleasant complex (MPC) to instead be used each year for refurbishment of existing married quarters in various locations at MPC, as this will better deliver what is currently needed for staff, as the quality of some existing accommodation is a greater problem than numbers of units available.

2.0 Recommendations

Honourable members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve the use of the £150,000 capital funding allocated under code 999 – 3064 for Financial year 2009/10 for new housing builds at Mount Pleasant complex for the refurbishment of existing married quarters in various locations. **(APPROVED)**
- 2.2 Approve that any subsequent years funding allocation under code 999 - 3062 would ordinarily be used for refurbishments to existing and married quarters throughout the Mount Pleasant complex until such time when HQ BFSAI requests otherwise. **(NOT APPROVED)**

3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

There are no direct funding implications, as existing or future projections would remain unchanged in terms of their value.

4.0 Background

- 4.1 Following approval from Executive Council in December 2007 (paper 290/07) to refurbish existing housing stock at Mount Pleasant complex, fifteen properties on Hamilton Rise were brought up to a standard comparable to the newer housing stock.
- 4.2 The paper stated that HQ BFAI had requested that any proposed investment FIG may wish to make in housing at MPC would currently have significantly more impact were it to be invested in the refurbishment of the older housing stock rather than in new builds. This remains the same today.
- 4.3 There are a number of both single and family houses that are in need of significant upgrades, which have suffered over the years and are clearly shown signs of distress.
- 4.4 As mentioned in ExCo paper 290/07, Langworthy Villas and Jones Avenue will require similar refurbishments as was done to properties on Hamilton Rise.
- 4.5 As with previous FIG funded work at MPC, the Public Services Department would manage and tender the work, thereby ensuring that all the work would be offered to local contractors.
- 4.9 MOD would not be contributing anything directly to the refurbishment projects, but as per the previous works done to Hamilton Rise, the properties would be re-carpeted where necessary, furnished and would be subjected to mandatory maintenance and both internal and external re-decoration to keep the properties in a similar condition to that to which they have been refurbished.
- 4.10 MOD would provide the shipping of materials on the FIRS vessel freight-free, as per Hamilton Rise, to allow the money to be spent more productively.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The £150,000 currently allocated annually in Contribution to Defence would not change; only the funds would be used for more pressing needs to bring existing aging accommodation units up to a more habitable condition.
- 5.2 This would be an ongoing change for a number of years until the need for further new family accommodation blocks is required again. The value of refurbishing existing accommodations would allow more accommodation to remain in their pool of housing in the long term, as opposed to the construction of one, possibly two units per year with the funds available.

6 Legal Implications

None

7 Human Resources Implications

None