

Explanatory Memorandum to Tynwald Members

Issued by the Treasury

To the Hon Clare Christian, President of Tynwald and the Hon Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled

1. Title of measure

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Venues, etc.) (Fees) Order 2016 – SD No. 2016/0206

2. Changes in policy

None

3. Effects of the measure

The Order, which prescribes fees relating to matters concerning approved places for the purposes of civil marriages and civil partnerships, has been reviewed to keep fees in line with inflation.

The fees currently in force were last reviewed in 2013. The increase in inflation, as measured by the Retail Price Index, since the fees were last reviewed in 2013 has been 8.72%.

The fees have been set at a round figure for ease of administration, from both a customer and staff perspective. It should be borne in mind the fees do not cover services for everyday events but rather, in most cases, what could be deemed as one-off events.

4. Reasons for the measure

The Order has been reviewed to keep fees in line with inflation.

5. Resource implications

There are no cost or personnel implications.

6. Tynwald procedure

Tynwald approval is required for this Order by Section 1(4) of the Fees and Duties Act 1989.