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RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - FRIDAY 06 AUGUST 2021

The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Mr. Nicolson LISETTE

1. As announced in the Budget Speech for financial year 2021/2022, the Commission for Education has provided 1,060 Educational and Sports Kits to all Grade 1 pupils of all primary schools in Rodrigues. The Executive Council has agreed that the provision of Educational and Sports Kits be extended to 93 pupils attending Special Education Needs (SEN) Schools. Moreover, Sports Kits will also be provided to all Grade 2 and Grade 3 pupils of all primary schools.
2. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Industrial Development proceeds with the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Nassola Cooperative Credit Union (NCCU) for the implementation of the SME Loan Scheme. The MoU aims to provide access to finance for entrepreneurs in Rodrigues through the Rodrigues Venture Capital and Leasing Fund Co Ltd.
3. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Public Infrastructure has launched bids for the Construction of an additional 30 km of Track Roads including Footpaths and other Civil Works in Rodrigues.
4. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Public Infrastructure will issue a Works Order for the construction of Parking and Ancillary facilities at Songes College.
5. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Social Security has launched bids for the Construction of an Elderly Recreational Centre at Baie Lascars.

6. The Executive Council has taken note that the budget measure to exempt tourism related enterprises from the payment of Operating Licence Fee and Rental Fee for State Land leases following the COVID-19 Outbreak has been extended to 31 December 2021.

202 Tourist Enterprise Licensees have been exempted from payment of Licence Fee and Rental Fee for State Land leases. In addition, 100 holders of Pleasure Craft Licences have also been exempted from payment of licence fees for renewal and re-issue of Pleasure Craft Licences.
7. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Housing extends the same facilities and modalities under the Social Housing Scheme to beneficiaries for the extension and upgrading of Trust Fund houses.
8. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Environment provides a grant to the Rod Trail Association for the procurement of 2,000 silicone cups for use by participants in the 12th Edition of the "Trail de Rodrigues" on Sunday 07 November 2021.
9. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Water Resources will hand over cheques to beneficiaries to complete the construction of water tanks under the Rainwater Harvesting Grant Scheme on Tuesday 19 August 2021.
10. The Executive Council has taken note of the status of the vaccination campaign against COVID-19 in Rodrigues. As at 04 August 2021, 15,515 persons have been administered the first dose and 10,829 have been administered the second dose

As at 29 July 2021, 64.9% of the staff in the Education sector (pre-primary, primary and secondary sectors and SEN schools) in Rodrigues have already received the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

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