EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2021

MAIN DECISIONS

The Executive Council met today under the Chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K.

1. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Public Infrastructure proceeds with the issue of Works Order for the construction of road from Saponaire to Anse Femie (Phase 2).

2. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Vocational Training initiates tendering procedures for the setting up of a Technical School at Citron Donis in the context of the Nine Year Continuous Basic Education.

3. The Executive Council has approved that a Special “Marché Solidaire” be organised as from 16 December 2021 at Port Mathurin Market. The Commission for Industrial Development will subsidise 30% on handicraft products and 50% on agro-processing products to support local entrepreneurs.

4. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Housing initiates bidding procedures to retain the services of back hoe loader to facilitate access to the sites of construction of beneficiaries of the Housing Scheme. Same services will also be extended to elderly and disabled persons.

5. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Arts and Culture provides a one-off allowance of Rs 15,000 to full-time local artists under the Fond de Solidarité à la Créativité Culturelle under the Socio-Economic Response Plan to COVID-19 to support local artists.
6. The Executive Council has approved the new modalities for unvaccinated persons who have to produce a negative RT-PCR Test result for access to a specified institution, place or premises as stipulated under the Consolidated COVID-19 Regulations 2021.

7. The Executive Council has approved the organisation of initiation dives for 200 youths who had previously participated in the programme *A Nou Naze* in 2020 from 13 to 23 December 2021.

8. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Prisons and Reforms Institutions has awarded a contract for upgrading works at the Rehabilitation Youth Centre, Oyster Bay so as to accommodate girl inmates at the centre.

9. The Executive Council has taken note that the Sero Surveillance campaign concerning the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) has been completed. Preliminary tests have been conducted on blood samples in Rodrigues. 616 samples have also been despatched to Mauritius for additional testing by the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.

10. The Executive Council has taken note of the different activities being organised by the Commission for Youth during the school summer holidays in December 2021 under the programme *Special Vacances*:

   a. Sensitisation on Sexual Reproductive Health and Drug Abuse Prevention through Arts at English Bay Youth and Family Centre on Tuesday 7 December 2021

   b. Launching of new cultural activities in Youth Centres including traditional dance and music, guitar and keyboard and modern dance;

   c. Visit to Ile aux Cocos for out-of-school youth.

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**Date: 10 December 2021**