
COUNCIL COMMITTEES (CONSTITUTION) ORDER – SECTION 56 AND 58
(Legal Notice 18 of 2012)

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Council Committees (Constitution) Order, 2012.

Number of Committees

2. Pursuant to the provisions of section 56(1) of the Constitution, it is determined that there shall be eight Council Committees, namely:

Access and Transport Committee
Economy and Finance Committee
Education and Employment Committee
Health and Social Welfare Committee
Home, Civil Society and International Committee
Infrastructure and Utilities Committee
Natural Resources, Development & Environment Committee
Tourism and Leisure Committee

Committee Responsibilities

3. Pursuant to the provisions of section 58 of the Constitution, it is directed that the said Committees shall have responsibility for the matters respectively assigned to them in the Schedule.

Revocation and transitional provisions

4. (1) The Council Committees (Constitution) Order, 2010, is revoked.
(2) Any person appointed as Chairman or member of any Council Committee established under the Council Committees (Constitution) Order, 2010, on the date of this notice, shall continue to hold such appointment in respect of the new corresponding Council Committee established under this Order.
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SCHEDULE
(Article 3)

Committee Responsibilities

Access and Transport Committee

Subject to relevant laws, and to policies of the Governor in Council, the Committee has policy responsibility (except in so far as these affect special responsibilities of the Governor which cannot, in terms of section 58(2) of the Constitution, be made the responsibility of a Council Committee) for Government business concerning air and sea access, and inland public transport. In particular, the Committee has policy responsibility for the following legislation, namely:

- Airport Development Ordinance
- Harbours Ordinance
- Port Security Ordinance

Economy and Finance Committee

Subject to relevant laws, and to policies of the Governor in Council, the Committee has policy responsibility for Government business concerning Public Finance and Economic Policy, including public revenues (including, without prejudice to the generality, taxation, grant aid, and development aid); public expenditure, economic development and planning, economic/financial structures (including, without prejudice to the generality, mutual organisations, companies, banks, and charities) and their regulation, monopolies, domestic and international postal services, and investment policy. In particular, the Committee has policy responsibility for the following legislation, namely:

- Bank of St. Helena Ordinance
- Charities Ordinance
- Companies Ordinance
- Co-operative Societies Ordinance
- Currency Ordinance
- Financial Services Ordinance
- Friendly Societies Ordinance
- Money Laundering Ordinance
- Mutual Organisations Ordinance
- Patents (Registration) Ordinance
- Post Office Ordinance
- Public Finance Ordinance
- St. Helena Development Agency Ordinance
- Statistics Ordinance
- Tax Legislation (Income Tax, Customs, Service Tax, Stamp Duty, etc)
- United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance

Education and Employment Committee

Subject to relevant laws, and to policies of the Governor in Council, the Committee has policy responsibility for Government business concerning education (schools, skills, and lifelong learning) and employment (including employment law and policy but excluding public service appointments and any other matters which are special responsibilities of the Governor under

section 44 of the Constitution). In particular, the Committee has policy responsibility for the following legislation, namely:

- Education Ordinance
- Employees' Compensation Ordinance
- Employment Rights Ordinance
- Public Holidays Ordinance
- Sunday (Observance) Ordinance
- Trade Union and Trade Disputes Ordinance

Health and Social Welfare Committee

Subject to relevant laws, and to policies of the Governor in Council, the Committee has policy responsibility for Government business concerning health (including health services, preventive health services, environmental health, and public health), social services, social security and pensions, health and safety (including petroleum and other hazardous substances), and Government Landlord housing. In particular, the Committee has policy responsibility for the following legislation, namely:

- Dentists Ordinance
- Factories Ordinance
- Fish and Fish Products Ordinance
- Health & Safety Ordinance
- Medical Practitioners Ordinance
- Mental Health Ordinance
- Nurses & Midwives Ordinance
- Petroleum Ordinance
- Pharmacy & Poisons Ordinance
- Port (Health) Ordinance
- Public Health Ordinance
- Social Security Ordinance
- Tobacco Control Ordinance
- Vaccination Ordinance
- Welfare of Children Ordinance

Home, Civil Society and International Committee

Subject to relevant laws, and to policies of the Governor in Council, the Committee has policy responsibility for Government business concerning the legal system (including constitutional affairs but excluding any matters which are special responsibilities of the Governor under section 44 of the Constitution), civil society and non-governmental organisations (except those which are specific responsibilities of other Committees), media, domestic and international telecommunications, and disaster preparedness; and for advising the Governor concerning overseas relations, and the Diaspora. In particular, the Committee has policy responsibility for the following legislation, namely:

- Constitution
- Commissioners for Oaths Ordinance
- Commissions of Enquiry Ordinance
- Coroners Ordinance
- Elections Ordinance
- Emergency Powers Ordinance
- English Law (Application) Ordinance

Gaming Machines Ordinance
Liquor Ordinance
Immigration Ordinance
Lay Advocates Ordinance
Legal Aid & Legal Services Ordinance
Media Standards Ordinance
National Trust Ordinance
St. Helena News Media Ordinance
Telecommunications Ordinance

and all legislation (other than Rules of Court, which are the responsibility of the Chief Justice and the President of the Court of Appeal) regulating the constitution, jurisdiction, and procedure of courts, tribunals, and similar bodies.

Infrastructure and Utilities Committee

Subject to relevant laws, and to policies of the Governor in Council, the Committee has policy responsibility for Government business concerning public infrastructure and utilities, including roads, energy (including electricity and bulk fuel), and water (collection, storage, supply, and disposal). In particular, the Committee has policy responsibility for the following legislation, namely:

Bulk Fuel Agency Ordinance
Electricity Ordinance
Highways Ordinance
Jamestown Drainage Ordinance
Water Ordinance.

Natural Resources, Development & Environment Committee

Subject to relevant laws, and to policies of the Governor in Council, the Committee has policy responsibility for Government business concerning agriculture, forestry, fisheries, lands (including Crown Estate, land-use and development, and housing), and the environment. In particular, the Committee has policy responsibility for the following legislation, namely:

Agriculture and Livestock Improvement Ordinance
Animals' Trespass Ordinance
Animals (Diseases) Ordinance
Bees Ordinance
Birds Protection Ordinance
Conservation & Management of Fishery Resources Ordinance
Dogs and Cats Ordinance
Endangered Species Protection Ordinance
Fishery Limits Ordinance
Forestry Ordinance
High Seas Fishing Ordinance
Land Planning & Development Control Ordinance
National Parks Ordinance
Pasturage (Government Lands) Ordinance
Plants Protection Ordinance
Protection of Animals Ordinance
St. Helena Fisheries Corporation Ordinance

Tourism and Leisure Committee.

Subject to relevant laws, and to policies of the Governor in Council, the Committee has policy responsibility for Government business concerning tourism, culture & heritage, leisure, sport & recreation, and community centres. In particular, the Committee has policy responsibility for the following legislation, namely:

Community Centres Ordinance

Public Dances Ordinance

Recreation & Playgrounds Ordinance.
