

The Administrator noted that he had been in touch with PHE previously regarding the precautions HMS Spey was taking. They were content that the level of risk was commensurate with the advantages of having the dental team and doctor assist the community on Pitcairn.

He also noted that outgoing Medical Officer Poppe had concerns that the dental team would, at the time, have only flown in from the UK a few days before arriving at Pitcairn. That is no longer the case as they will now have been aboard for about three weeks by the time they arrive. The additional issue to consider now is the arrival on board at Tahiti of new crew members.

The Administrator requested the Mayor let him and the Deputy Governor know if there are questions or requests for further information and whether or not Council and community are content for the dental team and ship's doctor to come ashore on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

There ensued general discussion about the potential risks and benefits of the Spey's proposal and, based on the recommendations of the Medical Officer, it was unanimously agreed that the benefits, i.e., getting a two-person dental team and highly experienced C-19 doctor on island to take care of acute dental needs and help administer boosters, outweigh the risks, particularly given the high level of precautionary care the Captain and crew will be undertaking.

Resolution: Mayor/Cr M Christian

"That, based on the Medical Officer's recommendations, Council unanimously agrees with the plan and precautions which will be undertaken by HMS Spey, prior to landing and throughout its visit.

Council will therefore provide HMS Spey with an exemption to land the dental team and the doctor prior to the island's official border reopening date of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022."

All in favour / Carried

It was noted that, the Dental Team and the Doctor will have been on-board Spey for 3 weeks, prior to landing. As such there is no need to provide an exemption to Council's '10 days at sea from Tahiti' protocol for landing passengers.

**ACTION**

The Mayor will contact the Administrator to convey Council's decision and request an email contact for the Captain of the Spey and the ship's Doctor, for our Medical Officer.

**ACTION**

The Mayor will enquire as to the number of new crew boarding in Tahiti and whether or not the ship will still sail to the outer islands, as per their previous plan.

<p>Potential Tahiti voyage for non-NZ Passport holders requiring routine and secondary medical services</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>The Mayor and Medical Officer will liaise to ensure local communications clearly convey the rationale behind his recommendations and Council's decision. They will create a notice for the public Notice Board and make a radio announcement to that end.</p> <p>Following general discussion about the challenges associated with non-NZ passport holder accessing necessary routine and secondary medical services the Medical Officer advised he is happy to undertake a full assessment of patient needs so as to provide a well-informed recommendation to Council and PIO/ HMG as to whether or not a Silver Supporter Medical trip to Tahiti is required.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>The Mayor will liaise with the Medical Officer and report back to Council at its next Regular Council Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.</p> <p>It was noted that Council does not require any personal or confidential medical information. Rather it simply needs to know whether or not a trip is required so as to support the Medical Officer's recommendation</p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>Cr H Menzies will provide the Medical Clinic with arrival and departure dates until June 2022.</p>
	<p>Meeting Closed 10.30am</p>
<p>Approved <i>16/02</i> 2022</p>	<p>Mayor Charlene Warren.</p> <p><i>Warren</i></p>



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