



## **39th British-Irish Council Summit, Government of Jersey**

**16 June 2023**

### **Communiqué**

The British-Irish Council (BIC) held its 39<sup>th</sup> Summit meeting today hosted by the Government of Jersey. The meeting was chaired by Chief Minister Deputy Kristina Moore on behalf of the Government of Jersey. A full list of Ministerial participants at the Summit meeting is attached.

#### **Latest Political Developments**

Ministers took the opportunity to reflect on the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement. Ministers recalled the principles of the agreement, the importance of the institutions established across its three strands, including the British-Irish Council, and its role in promoting harmonious and mutually beneficial relationships across these islands.

The Council reflected on the latest political developments across their administrations, and took the opportunity to engage on a number of topics of mutual interest including the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the impact of the rising cost of living, shared climate and decarbonisation objectives, and the EU-UK relationship.

The Council received an update on political developments in Northern Ireland, including the agreement on the Windsor Framework and the significant visits and events which marked the 25th anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement. It looked forward to the restoration of the devolved institutions in Northern Ireland as soon as possible.

### **Building for the Future: Green and Affordable**

In advance of the Summit meeting, Heads of Administration and Ministers visited The Limes housing development in Jersey as an example of innovative housing delivery, which contributes to the priority of providing carbon neutral and affordable housing. The Council discussed this topic further during the Summit meeting, considering efforts underway across BIC Member Administrations to deliver on energy efficiency, decarbonisation and the provision of suitable and affordable housing.

The Council took the opportunity to review recent thematic activity across the BIC's work sectors aimed at supporting these priorities and also noted the recent Ministerial meeting of the BIC Creative Industries work sector, where Ministers considered how best to support the growth and resilience of the Creative Industries and their contribution to the climate and decarbonisation agenda.

### **Next Summit Meeting**

The Council noted that the next BIC Summit will be hosted by the Government of Ireland.

**BIC Secretariat**

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## List of Ministerial Delegates

<b>Government of Guernsey</b>	
Chief Minister	Deputy Peter Ferbrache
<b>Government of Ireland</b>	
Taoiseach	Leo Varadkar TD
Tánaiste	Micheál Martin TD
<b>Isle of Man Government</b>	
Chief Minister	Hon Alfred Cannan MHK
<b>Government of Jersey</b>	
Chief Minister	Deputy Kristina Moore
<b>Scottish Government</b>	
First Minister	Rt Hon Humza Yousaf MSP
<b>UK Government</b>	
Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations	Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland	Rt Hon Chris Heaton-Harris MP
<b>Welsh Government</b>	
First Minister	Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS