



**41<sup>st</sup> British-Irish Council Summit**

**Isle of Man, 21 June 2024**

**Communiqué**

The British-Irish Council (BIC) held its 41<sup>st</sup> Summit today hosted by the Isle of Man Government and discussed a range of political and economic developments across their administrations. The Summit meeting was chaired by Isle of Man Government Chief Minister Alfred Cannan MHK, who welcomed several Heads of Administration attending a BIC Summit for the first time.

**Unlocking the Economic and Social Opportunities of Renewables Across These Islands**

The Council discussed various ways administrations are developing initiatives to realise the opportunities of renewable energy to stimulate economic growth and support decarbonisation efforts.

**Latest Political Developments**

The Council warmly welcomed the return of the Northern Ireland Executive to the British-Irish Council table, as well as the restoration of the devolved institutions and the North South Ministerial Council. The Council also noted that 2024 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the British-Irish Council following its establishment under the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement and commended its work on promoting positive relations across these islands.

The Council also reflected on a range of developments across their administrations and internationally, and on topics of mutual interest.

**Next Summit Meeting**

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

**BIC Secretariat  
21 June 2024**

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## Plenary Participants

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| <b>Government of Guernsey</b>                            |                                |
| Chief Minister   | Deputy Lyndon Trott            |
| <b>Government of Ireland</b>                             |                                |
| Taoiseach  | Simon Harris TD                |
| <b>Isle of Man Government</b>                            |                                |
| Chief Minister   | Alfred Cannan MHK              |
| <b>Government of Jersey</b>                              |                                |
| Chief Minister   | Deputy Lyndon Farnham          |
| <b>Northern Ireland Executive</b>                        |                                |
| First Minister   | Michelle O'Neill MLA (virtual) |
| deputy First Minister                                    | Emma Little-Pengelly MLA       |
| Junior Minister  | Aisling Reilly MLA             |
| Minister for the Economy                                 | Conor Murphy MLA               |
| <b>Scottish Government</b>                               |                                |
| First Minister   | John Swinney MSP               |
| <b>UK Government</b>                                     |                                |
| Secretary of State for Northern Ireland                  | Rt Hon Chris Heaton-Harris     |
| <b>Welsh Government</b>                                  |                                |
| Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language | Jeremy Miles MS                |