

**9. Ecclesiastical Committee of Tynwald –  
First Report 2018-19 – Draft Marriage Measure (Isle of Man) received;  
recommendation approved**

A Member of the Ecclesiastical Committee of Tynwald (Mr Cannan) to move:

*That the First Report for the Session 2018-2019 – Draft Marriage Measure (Isle of Man) [PP No 2018/0127] be received and the following recommendation be approved:*

*Recommendation*

*That the draft Marriage Measure (Isle of Man) [PP No 2018/0127A] in the form laid before Tynwald be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent, as required by Schedule 1 to the Church Legislation Procedure Act 1993.*

**The President:** Item 9, Ecclesiastical Committee of Tynwald. I call on Member of the Committee, Mr Cannan.

**A Member of the Ecclesiastical Committee of Tynwald (Mr Cannan):** Thank you, Mr President.

The objective of the Draft Marriage Measure (Isle of Man) is to enable a person to be married in the Isle of Man according to the rights of the Church of England in a parish with which he or she has a qualifying connection.

The Measure serves to reflect the change in the way people now live. People are no longer born, baptised, married and buried in the same parish. Currently, a person may only be married in a parish if he or she resides there or is on the ecclesiastical parish's electoral roll. The Draft Measure therefore introduces qualifying connections. It proposes that couples may marry in a parish with which one of them has a connection, such as having been baptised in that parish and/or have connections via parents and grandparents, therefore removing the need in such cases to apply for a Bishop's Special Licence.

A full explanatory note about the Draft Measure can be found at Appendix 2 in the Report before you.

Your Ecclesiastical Committee has considered the Draft Measure and recommends that it should be given Tynwald approval today and then presented to Her Majesty the Queen in the same manner as a Bill and have the force and effect of an Act of Tynwald that requires Royal Assent.

Mr President, I beg to move the motion standing in my name.

**The Speaker:** I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

**The President:** Hon. Members, I put the motion that the First Report of the Ecclesiastical Committee of Tynwald be received and the recommendations set out be approved. Those in favour, say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.