



RESEARCH & ADVISORY FRAMEWORK

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RESEARCH FRAMEWORK

To meet a client's key business objectives and always enable sound judgements to be made on how to plan ahead at strategic as well as operational level, the following research framework is applied:

1. GLOBAL & REGIONAL TRENDS & CONDITIONS

The sourcing and interpretation of latest international and national primary data and information, including other relevant trend factors, are ongoing processes in terms of analysing their impacts on island communities. Areas of research include:



GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS
AND EVENTS AND LIKELY
RESULTANT CHALLENGES
AND THREATS



LATEST ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL PROJECTIONS AND
LIFECYCLES



FINANCIAL AND FISCAL
STRATEGIES (INCLUDING
INFLATIONARY
PRESSURES)



CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS
AND ENERGY POLICY
IMPLEMENTATION



INFRASTRUCTURE
RESOURCING AND FUNDING
MODELS

2 ISLAND IMPACT & RISK FACTORS

Against the background of global trends and conditions, island-specific data and information from a broad sample of islands including the three Crown Dependencies are then reviewed. These cover areas such as:

- Economic and Fiscal Performance,
- Social Trends (e.g. Demographic and Labour Trends, Health & Social Care, Education & Training, Housing, Law & Order, etc.),
- Infrastructure Investment (e.g. Ports, Roads, Waste, Climate Change Mitigation, etc.).
- Technological Advancements.

Twenty key island resilience/vulnerability indicators are then used when benchmarking the effectiveness of strategies and policies between a range of island jurisdictions. Critical mass and economies of scale have also to be taken into account.

These constantly evolving indicators are essential when making performance comparisons between islands with similar economic and social profiles and identifying best practice. They also enable the business environment across similar island jurisdictions to be broadly the same when assessing risk.

CLIENT INTERACTION

A client's primary research and business requirements are identified at the very outset. At all times, the research process must be relevant to the client organisation and the sector it falls within. This ensures that the objectives of the research brief are fully met and that no areas of importance are overlooked.

Regular dialogue with key personnel within the client organisation is an essential part of the service given rapidly changing global, regional, and island circumstances. These conditions are unlikely to change for some time to come.

Bespoke analysis and interpretation covering specific island portfolios and economic, social and environmental subject areas are undertaken for clients on a retained or project-by-project basis. One important element of the reporting process is the identification of best practice wherever this is being applied.

In-house CPD accredited Seminars focusing on latest global trends and the ongoing resilience of island communities, are also available to island-based organisations.

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Located in Guernsey, we have extensive knowledge of and practical experience in how islands operate globally. There are of course a wide range of island economic and social models adopted and it is essential that data and information are accurately recorded. Details of our services can be found at: www.islefact.com

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