

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
14th March 2017
0915hours**

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
Mrs N Paris
Mr S Roberts
Mr G McKinley
Mr M Birmingham
Mr L Jean
Mr I Tugby
Mr A Barnes
Mr M Dean
Mr A Snowdon

Apologies: None received

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr W V Brownlees, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, EO to the Chief Executive (SP)
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer (KG)
Mr A Bray, Technical Services Officer
Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary (LB)
Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor

In Attendance: Peter Castle, Consultant for item 24/2017, Martin Thornton, Law Officer & Tim Sydor, PwC Consultant for item 26/2017

ACTION**23/2017****Matters Arising****23.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC, GSC & TWG) Guernsey Representatives and Alderney Liaison Group**

Updates from BDCC, GSC, TWG, Guernsey Representatives and ALG were noted.

23.2 Economic Development Fund – Expenditure to date – Economic Development Reserve Fund expenditure as at 07.03.17 tabled and noted.

24/2017**Company Law Review – Report tabled and noted.**

1035 Peter Castle, Consultant left meeting

The Policy and Finance Committee agreed to:-

- **Note the considerable work undertaken in reviewing Alderney Company Law;**
- **Note the significant workload of the Law Officers of the Crown in relation to Alderney matters, eg. Support on the LUP Review and on the Tidal Energy & FABLink Projects;**
- **Request that the Law Officers of the Crown draft enabling legislation such that detailed revisions of Alderney Company Law can be made at a later date, subject to the will of the States;**
- **Defer consideration of any detailed amendments to Alderney Company Law until other priority matters have been properly dealt with;**
- **Appoint an action group to further liaise as necessary on this subject – Mr Barnes being first point of contact as Chairman of Finance Committee.**

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the overspend, as stated on the EDF report, together with any further invoices up until today's date for the works on Company Law. The Committee agreed for the Chief Executive to suspend the current consultancy work on Company Law until further notice.

The Committee also resolved to approve the overspend on the Governance Review as stated on the EDF report.

GDPR – Report from Finance Committee tabled and noted.

The Policy and Finance Committee agreed that there is a current lack of the required standard of regulation for GDPR within the island of Alderney, and agreed that the Finance Committee recommends having in place the necessary legislation as expediently as possible.

FC

25/2017 **The Nunnery – Interim Report** – Report from Mrs Paris dated 6th March 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy and Finance Committee agreed by majority (Mr Dean & Mr Snowdon abstained):-

- To continue to support the aim of using the Nunnery as a field centre, providing hostel accommodation for the ABO and heritage groups, so that the income can help maintain and improve the fabric of this most important heritage site and guarantee public access to it;
- That GSC bring recommendations with regard to the tender proposals, the proposed lease and the change of use to the P&F meeting on 4th April as originally planned;
- That GSC will continue to report back to P&F on a regular basis, as agreed between the two committees.

GSC

1100 Martin Thornton, Law Officer & Tim Sydor, PwC Consultant in attendance

26/2017 **ARE/FABLink/ ACRE - CONFIDENTIAL ITEM** – See Confidential Annexure.

1500 Martin Thornton & Tim Sydor left meeting

27/2017 **Alderney Foundation – Item Deferred**

28/2017 **NatWest Bank** – Report tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed for political letters to be sent to the Director of NatWest in Guernsey and the Chief Executive at RBSI in Jersey, as outlined in the report.

AB

29/2016 **Tourism Report** – Report tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee noted the report and agreed to:-

- Re-advertise the need for Accommodation Permits during the summer months in order to raise awareness with second home owners;
- Review the Accommodation Permit system with potential to streamline government visit of tourist premises with H&S, food hygiene and fire inspections;
- Review the contract with QIT before the end of the year;
- Work with the accommodation sector to collect data from visitors.

TWG

30/2017 **Work Permits & Procurement** – Report tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee requested that the opinion of the Law Officers on Work Permits is obtained as soon as possible so that the subject of Work Permits can

be debated at the next P&F meeting; and that the Provisions of the “Guernsey and Alderney Procurement Policy 2014” are brought to the attention of all States’ employees.

31/2017 Agenda Resolutions - Confirmation

32/2017 States Employment Board – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - See Confidential Annexure.

33/2017 For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email
- Finance Committee Notes – update from Chairman
- Aged Debtors Report – Confidential Item
- Population Management (Guernsey) Law 2016 – Policy to Alderney Residents
- BREXIT Report Update – circulated via email
- Notification of AGCC Presentation on 5th June 2017

Meeting closed: 5.05pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 15th March 2017