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# STATES OF ALDERNEY

## BILLET D'ETAT

### FOR WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

Members of the States:

I have the honour to inform you that the Meeting of the States will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Island Hall.

W Stuart Trought President

#### Item I Inter Island Freight and Passenger Service Contract

The following letter was received from Mrs Paris, Chairman of the General Services Committee:-

"The Inter-Island Shipping Freight Services contract that grants a company the sole right to conduct a seaborne act of trade for the transportation of freight between the islands of Guernsey – Alderney – Guernsey is due for renewal 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Although there is no direct financial commitment by the States associated with the contract, endorsement is required in order to guarantee the provision of a freight service between Alderney and Guernsey.

Expressions of Interest were invited, resulting in two tenders being received for the new five year contract. The invitation to tender outlined to bidders that tenders would be evaluated on the key criteria of :

Ability to meet or exceed the contract terms (35%) Quality of service proposed (30%) Price (35%)

Tenders were evaluated and scored in accordance with the above, resulting in a detailed report being presented to the General Services Committee at its special meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Following consideration of the report the Committee is recommending that the new five year contract is awarded to Alderney Shipping Company Limited.

I would therefore be grateful if you would place this matter before the States of Alderney with appropriate propositions.

N Paris, Chairman"

The States of Alderney is asked to authorise the General Services Committee to enter into an agreement with Alderney Shipping Company Ltd for the provision of shipping services for the transportation of freight between the islands of Guernsey and Alderney (and return), commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and expiring on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. This is without prejudice to the provisions of the Alderney and Sark (Licensing of Vessels) law 1951 which requires operators of regulated passenger and cargo shipping services to apply for licences from the Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey as licensing authority.

#### Item II Proposed Increase in Mooring Charges for 2018

The following letter was received from Mrs Paris, Chairman of the General Services Committee:-

"The General Services Committee has recently carried out a review of Mooring Charges.

Visitor Mooring fees were last increased in 2012 and the review considered the context of the current harbour deficit, increased operational costs and the significant recent investment in facilities. In accordance with the Mooring Charges Law 1976 (as amended), the Committee is recommending that an increase from £15 per night to £20 (or €20) per night would be appropriate.

The Committee also recognised the significant importance to the economy of visiting yachtsman to the Island and wished to introduce an incentive to attract longer stays. It was therefore agreed to implement, on a trial basis, a concession to offer one night free of charge for all visits over 48 hours.

The Committee is not recommending any increase in Local Mooring fees at this time.

The Policy & Finance Committee considered this matter at its budget meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and have agreed to the recommendation.

The enabling legislation allows the States to set mooring charges by resolution rather than Statutory Instrument. I would be grateful if you would place this revised fees schedule before the States with appropriate propositions.

N Paris, Chairman"

The States is asked to approve to resolve:-

- (a) the rates for mooring charges as set out in the Schedule of Charges attached with effect from and including 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and
- (b) a concession to offer one night free of charge for visits over 48 hours on a trial basis.

#### Item III Questions and Reports

A report on "Airlinks" will be given by Mr Dent, Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee.