

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
5th December 2017
0915hours**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Lewis, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer
to the Chief Executive (EO)
Mr C Brock, Director of Business
Development (DBD)
Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor
(SFA) – from item 133
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, States
Treasurer (TREASURY)

ACTION**131/2017****Matters Arising****131.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC, GSC, ALG & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC - The Committee noted a verbal update from the Deputy Chairman of BDCC on the ongoing progress of the legislative changes

GSC – The Committee noted a verbal update from the Chairman of GSC, including a decision not to update the mandate, dialogue with Alderney Shipping, ongoing liaison with the Police, the formation of a working group to explore the future of the Connaught, and the next phase of the Water Board’s capital programme.

Finance – The Committee noted that there were no significant financial issues to report. The DBD gave a brief update on information on additional data which had been supplied in respect of the swimming pool.

External Relations – The Committee noted the update from the Chairman on the recent Bailiwick Council meeting where Brexit and the need to improve inter-Island communications were the main focus.

Tourism – The Committee noted a verbal update from the Tourism lead on various matters including the recent passenger statistics, planned staff absence and dealing with accommodation inspections.

Education – The Committee was most encouraged to note the positive report received following the recent validation at St Anne’s School.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted the update on matters discussed recently in the Guernsey States. It was also agreed that a number of questions be formally submitted to relevant Committee Presidents in the States of Guernsey

DBD

132/2017**Transport**

132.1 Air Routes Update – Report from the Chief Executive dated 30th November 2017 tabled and noted. Mr Roberts also provided an update on discussions between Air Alderney and the Guernsey Airport authorities regarding the prospect of improving the Terminal facilities. There followed a wide ranging discussion about the need for ongoing dialogue over the air routes and the Chairman provided a verbal update on the Air routes.

The Committee noted the verbal update from the Chairman.

132.2 Passenger Ferry Service Update – Report from James Dent (STAG) dated 29th November 2017 tabled and noted. Mr Jean also shared his own views on the future options for a service for Alderney.

The Committee noted the report, and agreed to continue with the preparation of tender documents for the Alderney - Guernsey service; and agree the level of service required. It also noted Mr Jean's views.

SA

132.3 Aviation Fuel Update – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

133/2017**Legislation, Conventions & Policy**

133.1 Transformation of Health & Social Care – Report from the Chief Executive dated 30th November 2017 and a paper from the Strategic Financial Adviser dated 5th December 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to:

- **Note the issues set out in the summary report and the Policy Letter from the Committee for Health & Social Care (CfH&SC);**
- **Publish the Policy Letter on the States website with a covering summary to ensure that the community is informed;**
- **Continue to engage with the CfH&SC in the next phase of the project; and**
- **Identify an opportunity for debate at a future States meeting when more tangible improvements and changes are evident.**

SFA

133.2 Brexit Legislation – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

133.3 Re-Appointment of Code of Conduct Panel – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

133.4 Digital Connectivity Update

The Committee noted a verbal update from the Director of Business Development and agreed to ensure wide publicity of the developments in enhanced digital connectivity and confirmed the funding from the Economic Development Fund.

DBD

133.5 Gambling Legislation – Proposed Changes – Report from Chief Executive dated 28th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to lay before the States for approval:

1. **The Gambling (Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2017; and**

2. The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017.

BILLET ITEM/EO

133.6 Adoption Legislation & Alderney – Report from Chief Executive dated 28th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed for “The Adoption (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2017 to be applied to Alderney with exceptions, adaptations and modifications (and the associated changes to the Rules).

EO

133.7 Environmental Pollution Law – Report from Chief Executive dated 28th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed by a majority, with Messrs Jean and Roberts dissenting ,to request the General Services Committee to explore the option of an matter in the first instance by inviting the Director of Environmental Health and Pollution Regulation to attend to explain the benefits, costs, and risks of Alderney introducing such legislation.

TREASURY

133.8 Major Projects Criteria – Report from Chief Executive dated 30th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed, by a majority with Messrs Barnes and Tugby dissenting and Mr Roberts abstaining, that it would seek evidence on which to base its recommendation to the States and that its submission should include:

- 1. A baseline study conducted professionally, supplemented by an assessment of the economic and social impact of the development proposals; and**
- 2. Reference to relevant States approved economic or social policies; and**
- 3. Reference to relevant constitutional or legislative matters where this is appropriate; and**
- 4. A view based on the above explaining why the Committee considers the proposals to be in the best long terms interests of Alderney and of strategic importance.**

And furthermore that it would support safeguards being included within the Ordinance such that:

- 1. The report accompanying the resolution of the P&F Committee should provide a map with identification of the site proposed, a summary explanation of the proposed project and comment on its anticipated benefit to Alderney, to assist the public in understanding the proposed development or other work; and**
- 2. The proposed recommendation to be presented to the States should be published for a minimum period of 12 days before the matter is debated by the States; and**
- 3. The P&F Committee in its recommendations to the States may request that the BDCC subject the subsequent planning application to a Public Inquiry.**
- 4. The P&F be required to invite feedback from the community as part of its decision making process.**

CE

133.9 Philatelic Sales – Report from Chief Executive dated 29th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee noted the new improved arrangements as outlined in the report.

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Economy & Renewable Energy

134.1 ACRE Update – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

134.2 ACRE Fees – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

134.3 Guernsey Economic Vision – Draft letter from James Dent dated 29th November 2017 and Guernsey Economic Vision Report tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed in principle to despatch the draft letter in mid-December.

EO

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Any Other Business

135.1 Channel Island Financial Ombudsman – Options for publicising the service

The Committee agreed to ask the Ombudsman to consider the potential discrimination by clearing banks in relation to the opening of small business accounts in Alderney.

DBD

135.2 Review of Answers to FAB Questions raised at Chief Pleas – Report from Chief Executive dated 30th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee reviewed and agreed the proposed States answers and that these be forwarded to Mr Dupont and after subsequently made available publicly.

EO

135.3 Christmas Cover – Politicians

Committee Members shared their various dates of absence over the Christmas and New Year Period.

135.4 Slaughtering Charges

The Committee noted concerns from Mr Tugby regarding slaughtering fees for sheep and agreed this was a matter for the General Services Committee to consider.

TREASURY

135.5 Fee Regulations – Email External Affairs Officer dated 1st December 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to approve the schedule of fees.

EO

135.5 Beneficial Ownership – Email from Chief Executives Office dated 1st December 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to approve the regulations as circulated in respect of the Beneficial Ownership Law.

EO/BILLET ITEM

135.6 Amendments to Criminal Justice Legislation in Respect of Money Laundering and Terrorist Finances

The Committee agreed to consider and respond to this email by email circulation.

EO

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Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

The above draft resolutions were confirmed by the Committee as being a correct record of the decisions arising from the meeting.

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For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
- **Age Debtors Report**
- **EDR Summary – including transfer of Blockchain expenditure as AeBL not established**
- **Consultants & Legal Fees Summary**
- **Alternative Cable Routeing – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**
- **Alderney Marine Plan Update**

Meeting closed: 12.10pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 6th December 2017