

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
20th February 2018
0915hours**

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
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 Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
Mr A Lewis, Interim Chief Executive
Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer
to the Chief Executive (EO)
Mr C Brock, Director of Business
Development (DBD)
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, States
Treasurer (TREASURY)

Apologies: Mr A Barnes

In Attendance:

ACTION**08/2018****Matters Arising****8.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, External Relations & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC - The Committee was updated by the Deputy Chairman of BDCC regarding recent policy discussions, the finalisation of the draft legislation and LUP and that these had been circulated to Members and were now available on the website. It also noted that the BDCC Members, Officers and representatives of ARUP would be available on 2-3 March to provide any assistance and guidance.

GSC – The Committee was updated by the Chairman of GSC on various matters including the future of the Butes Centre, the potential release of land at the Airport for a new Terminal, planning for future options in respect of an extension to the New Connaught Home. It was also noted that discussions had taken place with Guernsey representatives in respect of the Breakwater and the part use by the States of Alderney of Fort Grosnez.

Finance - The Committee noted the update provided by the States Treasurer.

External Relations - The Committee noted an update from the Chairman on his recent attendance at the meeting, in the Isle of Man, of Environmental Ministers of the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies where discussions had covered a wide range of issues including the merits of territories having marine management plans.

Tourism – The Committee noted an update, both verbal and tabled, from the Tourism lead on various matters. It was noted that events receiving States funding were being encouraged to publicise their receipt of such support. Also it was noted there would shortly be a meeting with the Accommodation Sector to which Members were invited.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted an update on matters to be discussed in the Guernsey States and that an Alderney annual report statement

would be delivered. It was also agreed to seek formally an update on the weights and measures consultation being conducted by Guernsey Trading Standards.

EO

8.2 Budget for French Liaison

The Committee noted a verbal report from the Director of Business Development on the potential for building relationships at a national and international level and resolved to allocate a budget not exceeding ten thousand pounds from the Economic Development Reserve for this purpose to be managed by the Chairman and the President with officer input.

DBD/TREASURY

8.3 Armed Forces Covenant – Report from Chief Executive dated 15th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee resolved to recommend the States of Alderney approve an Armed Forces Covenant.

CE/BILLET ITEM

09/2018

Transport

9.1 Air Transport Licensing Policy – Report from Air Transport Advisory Group dated 15th February 2018 and a revised draft Policy Statement was considered. A verbal report was also provided by the Chairman on the recent Memorandum of Understanding discussion regarding Aurigny.

The Committee resolved, with Mrs Paris abstaining on the basis that Law Officer's advice had not yet been received, to approve the revised Air Transport Licensing Policy and, subject to final legal confirmation, to submit the Policy Statement to the States at the earliest opportunity for approval.

EO

9.2 Airport Terminal Building – Report from Air Transport Advisory Group dated 13th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed:

- To note the report; and
- For further research to be progressed so that the viability and implications (both short & long-term) of progressing a new airport terminal building as a public/private partnership can be fully understood.

DBD

9.3 Ferry Update – Report from Marine Transport Working Group dated 13th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to:

1. Note the report;
2. Direct staff to contact Manche Iles Express to establish what additional services the company may be able to put on to serve Alderney in 2018;
3. Direct staff to establish whether a regular, 12 and under, passenger ferry service can be operated on a twice weekly double rotation for the 2018 season;
4. Report back on the outcomes of the above to P&F before taking any further action; and
5. (i) To request the Marine Transport Working Group to specify the desirable service requirements for a regular year round ferry service; and

(ii) To request the Chief Executive to make arrangements for the preparation of a business plan for a ferry operation which sets out the operational costs, service specifications and overall subsidy requirements.

SA

10/2018

Legislation, Conventions & Policy

10.1 Review of Financial Relationship with Guernsey – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 7th February 2018 tabled and noted.

Mr Jean declared his ownership of multiple commercial and residential properties and withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee resolved by a majority with Messrs Roberts and Tugby dissenting:

- 1. To seek legal clarification that landowners will be able to recover from tenants the equivalent TRP value of the occupiers rates, and**
- 2. To note the clarifications in the report; and**
- 3. To revisit the initiative to combine TRP with Occupiers Rate with a view to instructing the Law Officers to draft the necessary legislation.**

SFA/TREASURY

Mr Jean re-joined the meeting.

10.2 Risk Management – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 7th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed, by a majority, with Messrs Jean and Snowdon dissenting, to note the issues in the report and agree:

- **To accept that the overreaching approach to risk management is important and to ask the Civil Service to consider and prepare a draft risk register; and**
- **That strategic financial risks should be overseen by the Finance Sub-Committee; and**
- **In the short term, require that risk consideration should be addressed in all papers supporting new proposals to be considered by Committees.**

SFA/CE

10.3 Live Broadcast of People's Meetings – Report from Chief Executive dated 8th February 2018 tabled and noted.

In light of the advice received and in acknowledgement of the legal risks to both the general public and States Members, the Committee agreed to decline Quay FM's request. It also agreed to seek the advice of the Law Officers in relation to the possibility of Members of the States of Alderney having absolute privilege.

CE/EO

10.4 Same Sex Marriage Law – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 12th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee, by a majority with Mr Tugby dissenting, resolved to approve the Same Sex Marriage (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Contrary Provisions) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2018 and agreed the item to be placed on the Billet for a future meeting of the States of Alderney.

EO/BILLET ITEM

10.5 Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Ordinance – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 14th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to approve “The Transfrontier Shipment of Waste (Alderney) Ordinance, 2018 and agreed the item to be placed on the Billet for a future meeting of the States of Alderney.

EO/BILLET ITEM

10.6 Data Protection – Report from Chief Executive dated 14th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to respond to the Committee of Home Affairs raising no objections to the proposals.

EO

10.7 Preparation for the 2018 Elections – Report from Chief Executive dated 15th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee noted the report and instructed the CEO to make the necessary preparations for the 2018 Elections, and for these to be held as late as practical in the year.

EO

10.8 Managing Sensitive Information – Report from Chief Executive dated 15th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed, by a majority, with Messrs Dean, Roberts and Snowdon dissenting:

- **for the Chief Executive to consider and draft a protocol for dealing with the distribution of sensitive information; and**
- **in the meantime, should it be necessary to bring such information to the attention of Committee members, any papers are distributed at the appropriate meeting and are returned for destruction as confidential waste after the item of business has been completed.**

CE

10.9 Future of Fisheries Access – For Ratification – Report from Chief Executive dated 24th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee ratified the decision to support the proposal to seek a regional fisheries access agreement with France (Option 2).

SFA

10.10 Territorial Seas Extension – For Ratification – Report from Chief Executive dated 24th January 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee ratified the decision to approve the proposed phases approach to the extension of territorial seas:

- **Phase 1: preparation of Policy Letter, in consultation with relevant Committees in Guernsey, Alderney and Sark;**
- **Phase 2: commence the consultation around the UK Government using the draft Policy Letter and consideration of specific domestic concerns of States of Alderney and Chief Pleas of Sark;**
- **Phase 3: finalisation of Policy Letter and publication for approval in Guernsey, Alderney and Sark and consideration in the three islands’ assemblies (at about the same time);**

- **Phase 4: formal letter through official channels to UK Government to extend territorial seas.**

SFA

10.11 Territorial Seas – Draft Policy Letter – Report from Chief Executive dated 20th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed:

- **To note the content of the draft Policy Letter;**
- **That the territorial sea should be extended subject to satisfactory management of the risks to the States of Alderney; and**
- **That a proposition be drafted for the States reflecting the same debate in the States of Guernsey.**

SFA

10.12 Major Projects – Revised Rules of Procedure – Report from Chief Executive dated 13th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee approved the slightly revised wording and agreed to submit the proposed Rule 4A to the States for approval at the March meeting.

EO/BILLET ITEM

11/2018

Economy & Renewable Energy

11.1 ACRE Update – Report from ACRE dated 15th February 2018 tabled and noted.

The Committee noted the update from ACRE.

11.2 AGCC & eGambling – See Confidential Annexure

12/2018

Any Other Business

Aviation Fuel – The Committee noted that the current non-availability of JetA1 fuel at the Airport was creating payload problems and it was agreed to press the new operator for an early restoration of the service.

DBD

Organ Donation – The Committee noted the planned consultation on the prospect of Organ donation to be on an opt-out basis and agreed to arrange for this to be submitted to the States for debate without resolution.

CE

Cannabis – The Committee agreed by a majority, to seek a future debate without resolution in the States about the potential use of cannabis for medicinal or other purposes at an early meeting.

CE

In Memoriam – the Committee recorded its condolences on the death of Lady J Browse.

Dentist – The Committee noted a verbal update from Mr McKinley regarding the future provision of a dental service in Alderney.

Alderney Airport Rehabilitation - The Committee considered a letter from the Vice President of the Policy & Resources Committee regarding the merits of a holistic

solution for Alderney's transport links and resolved to respond to confirm that the development of any sea routes could not be at the detriment of the Island's air links.
EO

13/2018 **Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation**

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

14/2018 **For Information & Noting**

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
- **Age Debtors Report**
- **Consultants & Legal Fees Summary - CONFIDENTIAL**
- **Press Release re Airport Fuel Supply**
- **MoJ Meeting Update**

Meeting closed: 1pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 21st February 2018