

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
ANNE FRENCH ROOM  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
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 Muter, Chief Executive (CE)  
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)  
Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Adviser

**Apologies:**

**In Attendance:** Dr Stephen Fletcher, Mr David McAllister for item 16/2018

**ACTION****15/2018****Matters Arising****15.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

**BDCC** - The Committee was updated by the Deputy Chairman of BDCC regarding recent policy discussions, including the completion of public consultations via drop-in sessions and a video prior to the Peoples Meeting.

**GSC** – The Committee was updated by the Chairman of GSC on various matters including a consultation document on air pollution, and with Victoria Street residents and shops regarding a trial closure this year during Alderney Week. Currently looking at condition of the Butes Centre and working with the trustee. Discussion with Alderney Housing Association who wish to hand back Whitegates – they regard it as uneconomic to renovate. GSC would like to survey and to consider options.

**Finance** - The Committee noted the update provided by the States Treasurer. Finance Committee has considered a range of grants and had a discussion with the Ambulance Service. Coins were also discussed prior to a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor on Thursday.

**Tourism** – The Committee noted an update from the Tourism lead on various matters. Accommodation Providers meeting was successful – notes to follow. Recruitment to cover for Maternity Leave is now closed. Transport issues are still highly important. The position with the Alderney Bird Observatory and the Alderney Wildlife Trust was noted.

**P&F Chairman** - All Party Parliamentary Group for the Channel Islands was attended by JD, the President and CEO. The Marine Management Plan and the AGCC were raised. Brexit and 50% premium charges on healthcare.

**Representatives in the States of Guernsey** - The Committee noted an update on matters to be discussed in the Guernsey States. The representatives were not able to attend and the Alderney report was postponed to the next meeting. Charter 2018 may demand

that the accounts for Aurigny are made public. It was emphasised that it is not a political party but a group who want to see more progress in government and closer links with the public and parishes. The CEO was asked to find out what the SoG distribution list policy is.

*0945 Dr Steven Fletcher joined meeting via Skype, and Mr David McAllister joined meeting*

**16/2018**      **Alderney Marine Management Plan – Presentation** – Options report tabled and discussed. Dr Fletcher introduced the report and highlighted the formation of the Alderney Marine Forum to engage stakeholders and consult the public.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:**

- 1. Request the Chief Executive to consider how to support the resource requirements for the delivery of the options in the report in the light of discussions next week on Brexit and developments thereafter;**
- 2. Request the Chief Executive to consider how to support the branding of Alderney’s marine area to support business development; and**
- 3. Defer resolutions 3 and 4 in the report until reports on 1) and 2) have been brought back.**

**CE/EDA**

It was discussed that further work should be carried out to clarify how a Marine Management Plan could improve the prospects of extending the territorial limit and improving the control of Fishing Waters.

**17/2018**      **Transport**

**17.1 Air Transport Advisory Group**

Jet A1 fuel problem will be solved by next week. Deputy Charles Parkinson has given support to Alderney over discussions with Aurigny. Meeting with Deputy Parkinson was positive and recognised the link between the PSO and the runway rehabilitation.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved that advice should be prepared about the positive and negative implications of subsidising aviation fuel and reported to the Policy and Finance Committee in a month; and that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the SoG Committee for Economic Development to request that the fuel procurement for Guernsey and Alderney is combined, if possible, to achieve a single price.**

**DoBD**

**17.2 Policy Letter CfED Route Transport Licence** – Letter from Committee for Economic Development dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Guernsey Air Transport Licensing Review documents tabled and noted.

**The Chairman of Policy and Finance to draft a response with assistance from the Civil Service.**

**JD/SA**

**17.3 Economic Case – SOU Lifeline Air Link** – Report from DoBD dated February 2018 tabled and noted.

**17.4 Ferry Service** – Report from Marine Transport Working Group dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:**

- 1. Note the report;**

2. Await the outcomes of the Chief Executives investigations into costs, specifications and subsidy arrangements; and
3. Take up an opportunity to explore a ferry option with a local operator, and to carry out an inspection of an available ferry in Denmark.

CE

**17.5 Alderney Airport Rehabilitation – Letter** – Report from Mr Dent dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018, and letter from P&R dated 13<sup>th</sup> February tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:

1. Note this report; and
2. Approve the draft response letter to Deputy Lyndon Trott, Policy & Resources Committee, States of Guernsey.

SA

18/2018

**Legislation, Conventions & Policy**

**18.1 Governance Review** – Report from Chief Executive dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved by majority (Mr Roberts against) that:

1. The Civil Service be asked to prepare and convene a workshop for all States Members to be held outside of normal Committee business to identify an ‘Island Vision’, which would then be brought to the Policy & Finance Committee for agreement – this Vision, if agreed, would then be further developed into broad Policy Statements and then a Plan that would be the focus of the States’ business for the forthcoming two years – the Policy Statements and Plan would be reviewed annually;

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved by majority (Mr Roberts and Mr Jean against, Mr Snowdon abstained) to defer the following resolutions:

2. A public engagement strategy to be prepared by Civil Servants for consideration;
3. One member of the States of Alderney to continue to be elected to the States of Guernsey by Plebiscite. The other representative to be selected by the Policy & Finance Committee and from time to time, depending on the matters to be debated in the States of Guernsey, this appointed member may be asked to stand down to allow another member, with specialist knowledge or responsibilities to take his/her place in the SoG;
4. The Civil Service to prepare draft policies on openness and transparency; and
5. The Civil Service to be asked to draw up a plan for a programme of wider consultation with the public with a view to determining the appetite for radical reform – and the options for progressing it – for example, for cabinet/executive government.

CE

19/2018

**Economy & Renewable Energy**

**19.1 ACRE Update** – Report from ACRE dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 tabled and noted.

**19.2 Alderney Island Pride Initiative** – Report from Director of Business Development tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to allocate £50,000 in 2018 from the Economic Development Reserve Fund to support the ‘Island Pride’ initiative launch and implementation; and for the General Services Committee to be given overarching responsibility for the ‘Island Pride’ initiative.

DoBD

**20/2018****Any Other Business**

**Coin and Stamp Issues** – Report from the Chief Executive dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved that the appointment of Mr Nash as honorary curator and archivist of coin and stamp issues for the States of Alderney is now rescinded and a formal response to be sent to Mr Nash informing him as such and thanking him for his work.**

CE

**It was resolved that Alex Snowdon and Chris Brock should attend the Ocean Energy conference in Cherbourg.**

**21/2018****Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation**

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

**22/2018****For Information & Noting****The following reports/letters were noted:-**

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email
- Age Debtors Report
- Consultants & Legal Fees Summary - CONFIDENTIAL
- Economic Development Reserve Fund
- Alderney Archaeology Code of Practice
- Pension Fund Liability
- Election Dates
- Brexit/Seas Update Meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Meeting closed: 1.30pm**

**Signed: James Dent**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**