

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
4th July 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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer
to the Chief Executive (EO)
Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer
(TREASURY)
Mr C Brock, Director of Business
Development (DBD)

Apologies: Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, States Treasurer, Mr A Barnes, Mr I Tugby.

In Attendance: Jon McLellan and Simon Hodgett for item 50.1 via conference call.

ACTION**48/2018****Matters Arising****48.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC – No Meeting since last P&F. The FEPA licence for FAB Link has been issued by the States of Guernsey.

GSC – The Committee was updated by the Chairman of GSC on various matters including: Survey of the Old Connaught and former Fire Station; New Connaught extension; Breakwater and sonar survey; Friday's ICE celebration of the Breakwater; pavement condition in Victoria Street; Nunnery building project.

Finance – No meeting since last P&F.

Tourism – The Committee noted Mr Snowdon's resignation as tourism lead and thanked him for his work.

ALG – No meeting since last P&F.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted an update on matters to be discussed in the Guernsey States including Air Transport Licensing and Adoption Law. Deputy Ferbrache is now leading the STSB.

External Relations: The British Irish Council meeting was attended by Mr Dent and covered Brexit and a number of constitutional issues. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association AGM and the Channel Islands All Party Parliamentary Group were attended by Mr Dent. Open Beneficial Ownership registers were discussed. An invitation to Downing Street was discussed. Cannabis law changes were also raised.

Mr Snowdon attended the Cherbourg renewable energy conference and made a range of contacts.

49/2018**Transport****49.1 Air Transport Update**

Air Alderney is progressing with AOC but there is further work to do and it is unlikely to get the AOC before November.

Waves are out of action until September.

The Runway Project Board has met – An Outline Business Case and rehabilitation proposals are to be presented to P&F Committee.

Public Service Agreement – consultants have met with ATAG representatives.

Air Traffic Control shortages will result in shorter airport opening hours and flight disruption for four days in mid-July. **Noted.**

49.2 Ferry Update

The ferry vessel is currently in the Isle of Wight undergoing preparation. The service will start later in July and confirmation of a start date is awaited from the operators.

50/2018**Legislation, Conventions & Policy**

50.1 Brexit Legislation – Report from James Dent tabled and noted. Jon McLellan and Simon Hodgett joined the meeting by conference call.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to place the legislation on the Billet for consideration by the States of Alderney and to seek advice about the implications of not passing the legislation.

50.2 Revisions to the Proceeds of Crime Framework – Draft policy letter tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to confirm its approval of the proposal contained in the policy letter i.e. that the provisions contained in regulations issued by the Policy & Resources Committee (“the Committee”) should be updated to meet the revised standards of the Financial Action Task Force (“FATF”) and recommendations made by MoneyVal, and that the regulations should be repealed and replaced by amendments to the Criminal Justice (Proceeds of Crime) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1999 (“the Proceeds of Crime Law”).

EO

50.3 Amendment to the Banking Deposit Compensations Scheme (BoG) Ordinance, 2008 – Draft Ordinance tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to agree the proposed amendments to the Banking Deposit Compensation Scheme (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Ordinance, 2008 (“the Ordinance”) to reflect compliance with certain of the core principles issued by the International Association of Deposit Insurers (“IADI”); and note that the aim, of the proposed amendments, is to augment the Guernsey Banking Deposit Compensation Scheme’s (“the Scheme”) liquidity to provide it with adequate funding to ensure prompt reimbursement of depositors’ claims in the event of a bank failure.

EO

50.4 Governance Action Group Membership – Letter from Andrew Eggleston and email from William Tate tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the appointment of Mr Eggleston and Mr Tate to the Governance Action Group to undertake public consultation only (Mr Jean and Mr Roberts voted against).

50.5 Cannabis – Report from Chief Executive dated 3rd July 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:

- note the current position set out in the report;
- request the CEO to determine whether or not Alderney could be derogated the authority to licence the growing, processing and testing of relevant cannabis strains, and report back to the Committee; (Mr Jean voted against)

The Committee resolved separately to:

- Ask that further consideration should be given to the decriminalisation and legalisation of cannabis by promoting a Bailiwick-wide debate. (Mr Jean and Mr Dean voted against, Mrs Paris abstained)

CE

50.6 School Bus Subsidy – CONFIDENTIAL – See Confidential Annexure.

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Economy & Renewable Energy

51.1 Energy Policy – Phase 1 – Draft Alderney Energy Policy Phase 1 tabled and noted. The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to note, publicise and seek public comment about the energy policy and to follow this with a debate in the States of Alderney for formal endorsement.

CE

51.2 Alderney Business Development Update – A Presentation from the Director of Business Development setting out key data and progress on economic development priorities was welcomed and noted.

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Any Other Business

Renewable Energy (Alderney) (Exemptions) regulations 2018

It was resolved that the Renewable Energy (Alderney) (Exemptions) regulations 2018 are approved and laid before the next meeting of the States of Alderney (Mr Snowdon, Mr Dean and Mrs Paris requested further advice and voted against).

BILLET ITEM

Alderney Housing Association Bond

Resolved unanimously to support the AHA proposals to seek long term fixed rate secure funding finance.

TREASURY

Employment Permits – CONFIDENTIAL – See Confidential Annexure.

Communication Policy

Resolved by a majority (Mr Jean and Mr Roberts against) for the Chief Executive to draft a Communication Policy and to bring this back to Committee for consideration.

CE

Other Matters raised under Any Other Business included:

- 90 day Tax Ruling
- Archaeological Dig
- St Anne's School/Twinning event
- Deputy St Pier and Deputy Trott visit

53/2018 **Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation**

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

54/2018 **For Information & Noting**

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email
- EDR Summary
- Management Accounts – May 2018
- Budget Timetable
- Letter from States of Jersey
- Letter from Deputy Lowe

55/2018 **Items Scheduled for Future Meetings**

Meeting closed: 13.05pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 5th July 2018