

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
23rd October 2018
0915hours**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, States
Treasurer (TREASURY)
Mr Paul Veron (for Transport items)
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

Apologies

In Attendance: Mr I Haywood, IT Officer for item 91.4

ACTION**88/2018****Matters Arising****88.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC – Planning issue has been settled out of Court. An open planning meeting and a policy meeting has been held. The Land Use plan is being submitted for an RTPI Planning Award by ARUP with our agreement.

GSC – Mr McKinley has been elected as Vice Chairman of GSC. Mr Barnes has been asked to continue with the Connaught Extension Working Group. Have discussed the future use of the Butes Centre building with Youth Worker. Harbour report includes increased fees. Victoria Street additional parking spaces being considered. GSC unhappy with proposals for Butes Car Park resulting from the Belle Vue development. Breakwater - Cfl&I visited to discuss completed work in 2018 and 2019 plans including future security and Guernsey budget.

Finance – Finance Committee meeting rescheduled to 24 October and will consider the Swimming Pool report.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted an update on matters to be discussed in the Guernsey States. Additional categories for TRP have been included in the Guernsey budget and advice is being taken on the implications for Alderney. The next meetings from 6 November onwards will have implications for Alderney and Guernsey Reps will be preparing for this.

88.2 External Relations

The Normandy Summit took place on 5th October. Mr Dent took the opportunity to brief French delegates on tidal energy during the lunch.

Mr Dent will be raising tidal energy and 1948 Agreement at the APPCIG on Monday.

88.3 St Anne's School Update

Mr Winward will be meeting some States members on Friday.

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Transport

89.1 Alderney Airport Rehabilitation Project Update - Letter from Deputy Ferbrache, President, States Trading Supervisory Board, and draft Policy Letter dated 05.10.2018 tabled and considered.

The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to write a letter of support to President Ferbrache thanking him for the work of STSB in pursuing the airport rehabilitation project.

89.2 Air Transport Update on PSO ITT - Invitation to tender document issued by the Committee for Economic Development dated 11.10.2018 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to write to the President of STSB to request that, as shareholder, the STSB informs Aurigny of the Board's expectation that they will bid for both the Alderney-Guernsey and Alderney-Southampton routes in the PSO process at the lowest viable costs and that they will maintain services at the current levels until such time as the PSO process has been resolved.

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Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance

90.1 Regulation of Health & Care - Report from the Chairman dated 14.10.2018 tabled and considered.

The Committee resolved that the Chairman should write to the President of the States of Alderney to request a debate without resolution at the December meeting of the States on the Regulation of Health Care in the Alderney context.

90.2 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM –Options for the Effective Management & Development of States Assets – See Confidential Annexure

90.3 Draft Guidance on NPO Governance Measures - Discussion document and draft guidance paper on the governance of NPO's, from Richard Walker, Director of Financial Crime Policy dated 08.10.2018 tabled and considered. P&F considered that this guidance could be too onerous for NPO's and would require more justification.

The Committee resolved, unanimously with one abstention (Mr Jean), not to approve the issue of the guidance paper on a joint basis with the Policy and Resource Committee and the Association of Guernsey Charities.

90.4 Nunnery Review - Report from the Chief Executive dated 15.10.2018 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the lessons to be learned from the Nunnery project and asked that this be brought to the attention of the new States members and that a framework for managing future capital work should be considered by GSC.

90.5 Transfrontier Shipment of Waste (Alderney Ordinance, 2018 – Explanatory Memorandum, draft Ordinance "Transfrontier Shipment of Waste (Alderney) Ordinance, 2018, and the "States of Alderney Management Plan for Importation and Exportation of Waste" tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee approved unanimously the draft ordinance Transfrontier of Shipment of Waste (Alderney) Ordinance, 2018 and the States of Alderney Management Plan for the Importation and Exportation of Waste, and for these items to be brought to the full meeting of the States for formal approval.

90.6 EU restrictive measures relating to Chemical Weapons

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously that regulations should be drafted and forwarded to the States for consideration.

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Economy & Renewable Energy

91.1 Tidal Energy Group formation – Paper from the Chairman dated 14.10.2018 entitled “Tidal Energy – Options for Moving Forward” tabled and considered

The Committee approved:

- 1. The formation of a Tidal Energy Group (TEG) to examine institutional options for re-engaging the market for tidal energy; and requested that TEG propose a draft Terms of Reference for its work and to report back at the November meeting;**
- 2. The following initial membership of the Tidal Energy Group: Mr Dent, Mr Snowdon, Mr Lancaster, Mr Vooght and a civil servant**
- 3. That the membership be reconsidered after the Terms of Reference have been agreed and the new States have been sworn in.**
- 4. That funds are approved to enable one member and, if necessary, Mr Lancaster, to attend the Ocean Energy Europe conference in Edinburgh.**

91.2 Alderney’s Contribution to Bailiwick Assets Report from the Chairman dated 14.10.2018 tabled and discussed. The Committee noted the work that the Alderney Gambling Commission is currently undertaking to update the value of its activities in this area and thanked them for their rapid response to a request for an update.

The Committee resolved to request that the Chief Executive prepare preliminary estimates of the current and likely future value of Alderney’s assets and current business activity to the wider Bailiwick and to commission work to provide evidence which will inform our future discussions within the Bailiwick and to approve expenditure of up to £10,000 from unforeseen expenditure.

91.3 Committee for Economic Development & Tourism Mandate

Report from Mr M Birmingham on the proposed mandate and structure of the Committee considered and deferred to the next meeting.

91.4 Superfast Broadband

Report from the Director of Business Development and Information Technology Officer considered and **noted**.

91.5 Fort Tourgis

First stage response from Bank and Atradius anticipated early this week. Progress **noted** and a Gantt chart requested.

91.6 Brexit Update Report from Director of Business Development tabled and considered.

The Committee resolved to note the update and await the full scenario paper from the States of Guernsey; and further resolved to ask the States of Guernsey to clarify the future status of EU nationals resident in Alderney and to take advice from the Law Officers regarding property ownership.

91.7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - See Confidential Annexure

91.8 Blockchain Technology - See Confidential Annexure

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Any Other Business

92.1 Review of the Open Forum - Paper entitled “Public Engagement at the Open Forum (‘surgery’) involving States Members” previously tabled at the meeting of the Committee on 3.10.2017 tabled and discussed.

Policy & Finance resolved unanimously no change to the 2017 guidance and that this should be distributed again at the People's meeting and for the convenor to bring it to the attention of those attending.

92.2 Resignation of Mr Barnes and consequential items

Policy & Finance resolved that Mr Dent should chair the Finance Sub Committee for its final meetings in 2018, and that Mr Dean should be appointed as Vice Chairman of Policy & Finance.

92.3 States of Guernsey Budget Report - Paper from the Chairman tabled and considered.

92.4 Mooring Charges 2019 - Report from Treasury dated 17.10.2018 and copy of the General Services Committee agenda paper entitled "Reducing the Harbour Deficit" tabled and considered.

Resolved, by five votes to three (Mr Snowdon, Mr Jean and Mr Tugby against) to accept the recommendation of the General Services Committee to:

- 1. Increase local mooring fees by 10% with effect from the 1st January 2019; and**
- 2. Increase boat storage charges to 100% from 50% of the appropriate local outer mooring charge, with effect from 1st January 2019; and**
- 3. For this matter to be included on the next available Billet D'Etat for formal resolution of the States.**

92.5 Capital Expenditure – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - See Confidential Annexure

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Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

The above draft resolutions were confirmed by the Committee Members at the meeting 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
- EDR Summary
- Letter to the President of AWT ref the Nunnery
- Brexit No Deal Contingency Planning – Bailiwick of Guernsey
- Guernsey and Alderney Excise Rates from 09.10.2018
- States of Alderney Management Accounts - September

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Items Scheduled for Future Meetings

- Communications Engagement & Media Policy
- Ferry Update

Meeting closed: 1.25pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 23rd October 2018