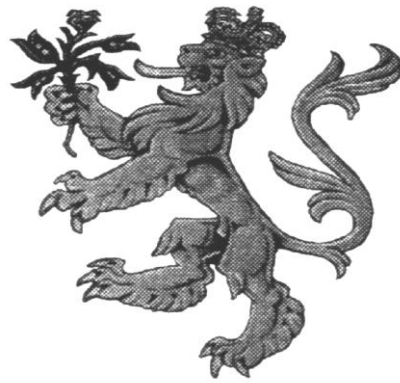


STATES OF ALDERNEY



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WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2019

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BILLET D'ETAT NO 2

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Members of the States:

I have the honour to inform you that the Meeting of the States will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday 16th October 2019.

William Tate
President

Item I **New Connaught Care Home – Extension**

The following letter was received from Mr Dent, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee:-

“Background:-

At the meeting of Policy and Finance Committee on 19 September 2019, a recommendation from the General Services Committee in respect of an extension to the New Connaught Care Home was considered and approved.

The New Connaught Care Home is a States owned care home company managed by an independent board of Directors. The States has previously agreed that its role can extend to considering provision of financial and other support to help the New Connaught Care Home achieve its objectives and support the local community.

Need:-

The care home currently provides a variety of care and support to 24 island residents. It is considered to be vital for the island's ageing population. However, the changing population raises challenges with regard to its resilience as the current building regularly reaches its maximum capacity.

Apart from the Mignot Memorial Hospital which provides 14 long term nursing care beds and 8 acute beds, the New Connaught Care Home is the only care facility.

Analysis of the island's demographic indicate that there is, and will continue to be an ever-increasing demand on care needs. The last Alderney census in 2018 showed a very high dependency ratio of 0.83 (retired age and child residents v those of working age). This has grown over the last three years and compares to the Guernsey dependency ratio of 0.55. The high dependency level is influenced by the higher proportion of older people in Alderney, including 5% or 103 residents over 85 (Guernsey 2.7%). On the basis of current demographic movements, it is predicted that this level will be close to or above 1 by 2035. By comparison the forecasts for Guernsey, Jersey and UK by 2035 are between 0.69 and 0.73.

Since 2017, the need for further provision at the New Connaught Care Home has been evident and there has been ongoing investigation into options. Given the current pressures on capacity and the forecast population, the proposed extension is considered to be an essential part of the solution.

The Policy and Finance Committee also recognises that residential care provision is not the only solution to the challenge of an ageing population. Other strategic initiatives to support independent and assisted living will therefore need to be explored over the medium to longer-term in liaison with the States of Guernsey.

The extension is designed to help ensure resilience in the care home provision on the island over the longer term. The new extension will enable a response to the healthcare demands of an increasing older population with opportunities to support advanced care and long-term nursing care. This project also reflects on the States of Guernsey 'Supported Living and Ageing Well Strategy (SLAWS)' as relevant to Alderney. The focus of this strategy is to have an adaptable and continuously improving care and a support system that is fair, person-centred, enabling and sustainable.

Proposal for extension:-

The overall project proposal is to deliver changes to the New Connaught Care Home infrastructure in phases. This first delivery phase will provide a purpose-built office space with training facilities on the top floor of the current building. This will then enable the subsequent phases of building the new extension.

The new extension will comprise 13 additional resident rooms plus communal spaces, tailored rooms for clinics, new offices, more storage and housekeeping facilities. The extension will also include installation of a new lift. New residents will bring in additional revenue to the New Connaught Care Home which will be offset by additional costs associated with the extension. As part of the shareholder role, the States will continue to require the Connaught to demonstrate sound financial management and control and to evidence this through its business plan and submission of the annual accounts.

The delivery of the new extension has been broken down into incremental phases, this is a more agile approach which facilitates better cost management, reduces risks and is less disruptive to residents. This Business Case is for the delivery of the loft conversion, known as phase 1 of the project delivery plan. There is a total of three phases: Phase 1 - Loft Conversion, Phase 2 – Substructure i.e below ground; and Phase 3 – Above ground i.e the rooms. The overall cost for all three phases is estimated at £1.88m.

Cost and timing:-

The costs of Phase 1 are estimated as £190,000 broken down as follows:

- £150,000 for the loft conversion contractors;
- £20,000 Fees and project management;
- £20,000 for Solar Panels.

The project will be subject to the States of Alderney procurement processes which require competitive tenders for projects over £150,000. It will also be notified to the States of Guernsey Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with agreed practices.

Subject to approval by the States, the Phase 1 project can start soon with a view to completion by January 2020.

I should be grateful if you would place this matter before the States with an appropriate proposition.

James Dent, Chairman

Committee Members Present:

Mr J Dent, Chair
Mr D Earl, Deputy
Mr M Dean
Mr K Gentle
Mr C Harris
Mr L Jean
Mr G McKinley
Mr S Roberts
Mr A Snowdon

The States of Alderney is asked to approve the recommendation from the Policy and Finance Committee to provide funds for delivery of the New Connaught Care Home Phase 1 Loft Conversion at an amount of up to £190,000.

Issued: 7th October 2019