

States of Alderney



DELIBERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2020

STATES OF ALDERNEY
DELIBERATIONS FOR THE REMOTE HEARING
OF THE STATES MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2020 AT 14:30

Present: Mr William Tate, President
Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Mike Dean
Mr James Dent
Mr David Earl
Mr Kevin Gentle
Mr Christian Harris
Mr Louis Jean
Mr Graham McKinley, OBE
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Alex Snowdon

His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder, KBE CB, The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, was also present for this remote hearing.

The President welcomed His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder, KBE CB, The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey to the meeting.

Item I **The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020**

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul “The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020”.

Proposer: Mr Dent
Secunder: Mr Snowdon

Approved unanimously

Item II **The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020**

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul “The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020”.

Proposer: Mr Dent
Seconder: Mr Snowdon

Approved unanimously

Item III **Regulations to be laid before the States of Alderney**

The following regulations were laid before the States of Alderney.

- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Schools) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Control of Premises) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Control of Events, Gatherings and Meetings) (Bailiwick of Guernsey)
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (States Procedures) (Alderney) Regulations, 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Chief Pleas Procedures) (Sark) Regulations, 2020
- Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Population Management and Miscellaneous Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Mental Health) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Parochial Matters and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Guernsey) Regulations, 2020
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Registration of Deaths etc. and Cremation Procedures) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020.
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Temporary Registration of Health Professionals) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2020
- The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (States Procedures) (Guernsey) Regulations, 2020

Item IV **Questions and Reports**

Questions were received from:

- **Mr Snowdon for Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee:-**
 1. Could the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee explain the steps which are being taken in light of the COVID-19 health and economic crisis?
 2. Have the States heard anything from Guernsey about the Public Service Obligation (PSO) process, will this now be withdrawn?
 3. Can the Finance Committee confirm savings will be made across the board and explain what the Committee is doing to help the community?
 4. Will the Chairman advise whether he is working with the Committee for Tourism and Economic Development on a recovery strategy?

- **Mr Snowden for Chairman of General Services Committee:-**
Would the Chairman explain if the projects funded by capital funds will now be redefined with a new General Services Committee priority list, also is the committee taking any other action in light of the crisis?
- **Mr Snowden for Chairman of Building and Development Control Committee:-**
Could the Chairman outline the process for planning applications to the Building and Development Control Committee following the lockdown?
- **Mr Roberts for the Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee:-**
Would the Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee please explain the reason of not requesting to Guernsey, a tightening of restriction on our ports which could lead to a request of relaxation of other work and recreational restriction rule as many of the work force business are now suffering greatly?
- **Mr Dent for Alderney Representatives in the States of Deliberation:-**
Would our two Alderney Representatives briefly summarise their activities in the States of Guernsey since the last meeting of the States of Alderney?

Responses to each of the questions above were given verbally by the respective States Members and will be available in due course on the Hansard Report for this meeting.

The following Report was received from Mr Gentle:-

Education Report May 2020

Our current Year 11 students, and there are 9 of them, were due to take their GCSE exams this month.

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulations (OFQUAL) who are the overarching body responsible have stated that the school will provide a grade for each GCSE student for each subject based on guidance from OFQUAL which aims to grade as if each student had sat their exams.

The guidance is aimed at judging the grade each student is most likely to have achieved and will be based on evidence held by the school and reviewed by subject teachers/heads of departments. OFQUAL have said that all judgements must be objective and based only on evidence of student performance including classwork, bookwork, homework assessments and mock exams.

This is obviously a less than ideal situation but there is now some clarity about the process that the students who were entered in to the exams are now going through. Students have been reassured by the CfESC that this will not result in them losing out. An appeal mechanism is being put in place to enable any student being given the opportunity to sit exams, if they are unhappy with the grading, at the earliest reasonable time in the new academic year - September this year onwards - but I have no idea and am unable to expand on how this may impact on future plans for students wanting or expecting to go to the next stage of their academic career and finding that they don't have the requisite grades.

Year 11 pupils have also been provided with bridging units from both Guernsey Sixth Form Centre and the College of FE to help prepare them for post 16 study. They should and will not be disadvantaged in their future studies as a result of OFQUAL's decision to cancel GCSE examinations.

Barbara Benfield started an initiative that involved school children writing letters for onward transmission to the more elderly residents in our community. It has been nothing short of a resounding success. I'm not actually sure who is enjoying it more the person receiving the letter, or the child receiving the reply. Well done.

The school have been working hard to provide the pupils with the best education experience possible while the school remains closed. Distance learning will never be a substitute for the classroom but the parents have been, and continue to, engaging with their child's teachers remaining supportive of getting through any minor teething problems. The challenge of rolling something so new out to the children at short notice was never going to be easy. Hard work by the teachers has put this in place and it appears to be working well for the majority of children and parents. The way that they have embraced these unprecedented enforced changes is to be applauded. With the date for reopening the school still an unknown the staff are ensuring that they are doing their utmost for their students.

Home learning packs have been created and delivered to pupils from Reception class to Year 4 on a weekly basis. Parents send examples of work via email each week to class teachers who then feedback.

Virtual Learning using J2E/ Google Classroom is in place for pupils from Year 5 to Year 11. Teachers use a variety of platforms to provide either live or virtual learning activities and pupils submit work online for feedback.

Parents of all families are contacted each week via telephone or email by class teachers or form tutors to provide guidance and discuss any problems which may have arisen.

Up to 20 pupils per day for families of Key workers or those deemed vulnerable attend school and school staff support this provision on a rota basis.

Any changes to the above model will follow CfESC and Public Health guidance.

Meeting Closed: 1555hrs

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