

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
COURT COMMITTEE ROOM
9th March 2020
14:30**

Mr D Earl, Chairman
Mr J Dent
Ms A Burgess
Mr M Dean
Mr C Harris

Mrs E A Maurice, Acting Head of Finance (AHoF)
Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor (SFA)
Mrs E O'Toole, Treasury Assistant/Minutes (Treasury)

Apologies: Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE); Mr C Brock, Director of Business Development (DBD)

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Matters Arising

12.1 Letters to Banks update The Chairman advised that further meetings will take place this week and he will report back at the next meeting. **Noted**

12.2 Notice of Offer – Confidential Item – see confidential annexure.

12.3 Swimming Pool project – see confidential annexure.

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Revenue Account

13.1 Draft Accounts 2019 (subject to audit)

a) **States of Alderney - 2019 Draft Summary of Accounts** – see confidential annexure.

b) **States of Alderney Water Board - 2019 Draft Financial Statements** – see confidential annexure.

13.2 Pension Fund Liability – see confidential annexure.

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Capital Account

14.1 AGCC 2020 distribution (as previously circulated by email) tabled and **noted**.

Mr Dean stated that the future distribution to AeGL should be considered. Mr Dent, as a member on the board of AeGL, noted these comments and will report back to the AeGL board at their next meeting. **Noted**

14.2 Capital Projects Running Total report from the Capital Projects Co-ordinator with 2019 projects approved to date, tabled and noted.

Members queried whether the projects relating to CCTV, Security/ Entrance doors etc. at the Island Hall were directly related to GDPR. The SFA advised that should a GDPR audit be carried out on the Island Hall building, it is possible that it would not pass at present. Mr Harris suggested that this should be clearly stated as GDPR projects to avoid any confusion, which the Committee agreed.

Mr Dent queried the £20k agreed for Town Pavements; the AHoF advised that GSC agreed to do a test area therefore it is only preliminary costs at present. **Noted**

- 15/2020** **Delegated Items – Grants**
15.1 Summary of Grants 2020 to date tabled and **noted**. The Committee noted that the new systems with regards to Standardised Criteria for applicants is progressing well, and applicants receiving grant funding over £5k have the required Service Level Agreements in place. **Noted**
- 16/2020** **Economic Development Reserve**
16.1 EDR Summary & Projects – December 2019 Final (subject to audit) Summary as at 31st December 2019 tabled and discussed/ noted.
Mr Dent queried the current status of the National/International Liaison budget. The AHoF advised that the budget, £10k, which had been agreed in early 2018 had been closed at the end of the year, because no expenditure had occurred. Mr Dent noted that neither he nor the Committee had been consulted over the closure. He believed the budget served a useful contingent purpose and he was keen that the closure be reconsidered or the sum reinstated.
- The Committee agreed that this budget should be regenerated and requested the AHoF to provide information on why a budget had been allocated originally and any other reason it had been closed.
- AHoF/P&F**
- 16.2 Transport Strategy Advice & Fort Tourgis projects top-up of funds – for ratification** – see confidential annexure.
- 17/2020** **Review of Financial Relationship (including P&R interaction)**
17.1 New Property Tax – Communications Plan Briefing paper from the SFA dated 9th March 2020 tabled and discussed. The SFA advised that prior to the implementation of the new Alderney Property Tax on the 1st January 2021, a communication plan and awareness raising programme are required to ensure that the community and property owners and occupiers are aware of the implication of the changes.
- The Committee noted the communication plan and agreed to review the draft letter and leaflet, and advise any changes prior to consideration at next Policy and Finance Committee.**
- ALL MEMBERS/P&F**
- 18/2020** **Delegated Items – Coins**
18.1 Verbal update from Chairman – see confidential annexure.
- 19/2020** **AOB**
19.1 Library Grant – see confidential annexure.
19.2 External Audit – see confidential annexure.
19.3 Golf Club Grant – Query on Pesticides Mr Dean had queried at the previous meetings whether the proposal by the Alderney Golf Club to implement a new initiative for management of perennial infestations of the greens/ fairways, could be reviewed in conjunction with pesticides used/held by the States Agricultural Department.
It was noted that this will be queried with the Agricultural team leader and information will be provided to the Committee once known.
- TREASURY**
- 20/2020** **Agreed messages for other Committees** Referrals to Policy & Finance Committee and/or General Services Committee to be determined.
- TREASURY**

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For information & noting

- Minutes & confidential annexure from 4th February 2020 – Mr Dent requested that the last paragraph in item 7.1 is put in the main body of the minutes from the confidential annexure – the Committee agreed.
- Conge, Leasehold & Transfer Duty 2020 (to date)

TREASURY/MINUTES

Meeting closed: 15:25pm

Signed: Mr D Earl, Chairman

Date: 12th March 2020