

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Anne French Room
25th June 2020
1030 hours

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
 Mr S Roberts
 Mr G McKinley
 Mr M Dean
 Mr A Snowdon
 Mr K Gentle
 Mr C Harris
 Mr Jean
 Ms A Burgess

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance
 (TREASURY)
 Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer
 to the Chief Executive (EO);
 Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor;
 Mr C Brock, Director of Business
 Development;

Apologies: Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE); Mr D Earl.

ACTION**40/2020 Matters Arising****40.1 Any relevant comments from Chairmen (re BDCC, GSC, CftED & Finance), & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC: No update at this time.

GSC: matters discussed were Cliff erosion at the Cutting; New Connaught extension ongoing works though delays re COVID noted; Commercial Quay access; Heritage Group membership.

CftED: Staycation going well and hotels are reporting increased bookings.

Guernsey Reps: Extra meetings in States of Guernsey noted due to business taking longer than usual to complete.

40.2 External Relations Update APPCIG meeting virtually on Monday 29th June. **Noted.**

41/2020 Legislation, Conventions, Policy & Finance

41.1 Elections 2020 – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 18th June 2020 tabled.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the following schedule and for this item to be placed on the Billet d'Etat for formal approval by the full States.

Ordinary Election: Saturday 28th November, 2020, Island Hall (the polling station will be open between 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.)

Nominations to be received during the seven day period ending: Wednesday, 18th November 2020 (closing at 4pm)

Plebiscite Election: Saturday 12th December, Island Hall

Nominations to be received during the seven day period ending Wednesday 2nd December

Presidential Election: Saturday 14th November, 2020, Island Hall (The polling station will be open between 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.)

Nominations to be received during the seven day period ending: Wednesday, 4th November 2020 (closing at 4pm)

BILLET ITEM

41.2 Elections during an Emergency – Report from Chief Executive dated 18th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:

- 1. Request the Law Officers to add to the emergency Part (of the Amendment of the Government of Alderney Law – see 41.4, Item 2.4) the ability to defer an election so that it would only apply where the President had determined that there was an emergency situation upon representations from the CCA; and**
- 2. Request the Law Officers to make changes to the Government of Alderney Law to enable an exclusive postal ballot to take place (note: this to be a contingency also only for emergency lock-down situations)**

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41.3 The Government of Alderney Law, 2004 (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 – Report from Chief Executive dated 25th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the submission of the Ordinance to the States of Alderney for debate and decision.

BILLET ITEM

41.4 The Government of Alderney (Amendment) Law, 2020 – Report from the Chief Executive dated 25th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the submission of the Government of Alderney (Amendment) Law, 2020 to the States of Alderney for debate and decision.

BILLET ITEM

41.5 The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.3) Regulations, 2020 – tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to put before the States The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.3) Regulations, 2020 and The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.3) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 and for them not be annulled.

BILLET ITEM

41.6 The Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 – tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to place the Alderney eGambling (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 before a meeting of the States of Alderney for approval.

BILLET ITEM

41.7 AGCC Commissioner Re-Appointment – Letter from AGCC dated 10th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the re-appointment of Jeremy Thompson as AGCC Commissioner for a further period of 5 years, his term expiring on 1st October 2025.

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41.8 Budget Update – Implications relating to COVID 19 – Item withdrawn until next Committee meeting.

41.9 New Property Tax – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 25th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee:

- **Noted the communication plan, and reviewed the attached draft letter and leaflet for owners and advised no changes prior to distribution.**
- **Agreed that a Teams meeting be arranged with the States Strategic Financial Advisor to receive a presentation and raise any queries regarding the introduction of the Alderney Property Tax.**
- **Noted that "The Alderney Property Tax (Enabling Provisions) Law, 2020", is to be placed before the July meeting of the States of Alderney for approval.**

41.10 Revenue Workshop – Report from Alex Snowdon dated 16th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee requested that this report be referred to the Committee for Tourism and Economic Development for consideration and recommendations and for that committee to report back to the Policy and Finance Committee at its next meeting.

41.11 Capital Projects Reprioritisation – Item withdrawn until next meeting of the Committee.

41.12 Recruitment – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure

41.13 Draft Energy Policy – Report from Chief Executive dated 1st June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to agree for the report to be reviewed by an Energy Action group (Mr Gentle; Mr Snowdon; Mr Jean; and by invitation Mr James Lancaster and Dr Lawrence Page) and to bring a report forward to a future Policy and Finance Committee meeting.

41.14 Stamps & Coins – Presentation from David Earl. **Item deferred until a future meeting.**

41.15 Minutes from Sub Committees – Report from Alex Snowdon dated 16th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to agree that Working Groups and sub-committees are requested to report relevant feedback from meetings to Policy and Finance Committee.

41.16 Professor Wilson Report – Report from Alex Snowdon dated 16th June 2020 tabled and noted – no action agreed.

Meeting adjourned: 12:50pm

Meeting reconvened: Friday 26th June 2020 at 2pm.

42/2020 Transport, Economy & Renewable Energy

42.1 Revive & Thrive – Recovery Strategy – Report from Chief Executive dated 18th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the publication of Revive and Thrive and request that the Committee for Tourism & Economic Development brings forward recommendations for further consideration seeking whatever collaboration is necessary with States of Guernsey. The Committee requested that the Alderney Representatives ensure that Alderney is recognised in any discussions in the States of Deliberation. A

letter of invitation to be sent to Deputy Gavin St Pier inviting him and other key politicians to Alderney in July for further discussions with this Committee.

42.2 Regeneration and Development Priority – Report from Chief Executive dated 18th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve commissioning of research work and technical appraisals to improve the power infrastructure in the area between the Power Station, Fort Grosnez and the Harbour.

The Policy and Finance Committee agreed a budget provision of up to £50,000 from the Economic Development Reserve to fund this work.

42.3 Raz Blanchard Tidal Project – Report from Alex Snowdon dated 16th June 2020 tabled and considered. Statement by Mr J Lancaster distributed for consideration.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to invite the Managing Director of AEL to be present at the next meeting of the Committee (via telecom) to update the Committee with the current situation regarding the Raz Blanchard project and clarify the issues raised in his paper to the committee.

42.4 Seaweed Revenue – Report from Alex Snowdon dated 16th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to refer this report to the Committee for Tourism & Economic Development for further consideration.

42.5 Alderney Marina – Report from Alex Snowdon dated 16th June 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to confirm that the States of Alderney supports the development of an Alderney Marina and invites the developer seeking exclusivity to submit their detailed development proposal for scrutiny.

43/2020 Any Other Business

43.1 7 Day Pilot Scheme Trial – Reports circulated by email, (A Road map to the release of Border restrictions; Road Map Phase 6 V2; and Border Testing Pilot,) tabled and considered.

The Policy and Finance Committee resolved that Alderney would not participate in the pilot test scheme and would await the results from that scheme before deciding on whether to participate in any future wider 7-day roll-out.

43.2 Alderney Campsite Mr Harris advised on an email received from the Campsite warden seeking financial support for the 2020 season. The committee noted that information was still outstanding to support a decision.

The Policy and Finance Committee agreed to request relevant financial information to demonstrate need and evaluate this promptly with a view to making a decision by e mail on Monday 29th June.

44/2020 Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

The above draft resolutions were confirmed by members at the meeting.

45/2020 For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
- **States of Alderney Management Accounts**
- **EDR Summary**
- **BPDG Border Announcement**

Meeting closed: 16.25pm (Friday 26th June)

Signed: James Dent

Date: 29th June 2020