

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Anne French Room
24th September 2020
0915 hours

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
 Mr S Roberts
 Mr G McKinley
 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 A R Lewis, Senior Civil Servant

Apologies: Mr M Dean;

In Attendance: Ms Catherine Veron, Economic Assistant for item 54.10 and Mr Paul Veron for item 55.1.

ACTION**53/2020 Matters Arising****53.1 Any relevant comments from Chairmen (re BDCC, GSC, CfTED & Finance), & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC: It was noted that a revised date was being explored for the next meeting.

GSC: It was noted the various items that GSC were dealing with at this time.

CfTED: It was noted that the sub-committee would be meeting on 25 September.

Finance: An update was given and noted on the issues currently under consideration.

Alderney Reps: An update was provided on recent matters in the States of Guernsey and it was noted that the States of Guernsey was in a pre-election position with minimal committee work taking place.

53.2 External Relations Update – The Committee noted an update from the Chairman on recent discussions with Normandy and the upcoming CPA virtual conference. It also noted that the ongoing Brexit negotiations whereby the Crown Dependencies were being asked to provide input on major issues at unacceptably short notice and the latest example was that a goods ‘non-paper’ was set to be shared with Alderney shortly. It was agreed to explore with the head of External Relations in Guernsey about the merits of a robust letter to H M Government.

It was also agreed to explore with the President a mechanism for keeping the Committee apprised of any changes in the relationship with the UK.

54/2020 Legislation, Conventions, Policy & Finance

54.1 Appointment of Temporary Chief Executive – Report from Mr A Lewis dated 17th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to agree the appointment of Adrian Lewis as temporary Chief Executive and to seek the confirmation from the States of Alderney at its October meeting.

BILLET ITEM

54.2 The Customs & Excise (Safety & Security) (BoG) Regulations, 2020 – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 17th September 2020 tabled and considered.
The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to raise no objections to the proposed regulations.

EO

54.3 Appointment of Health & Safety Representatives – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 17th September 2020 tabled and considered.
The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to appoint Mr Richard Phelan and Mr John Taylor as Health & Safety Inspectors under Section 15 of the Health & Safety at Work (Alderney) Ordinance, 2003, Mr Roberts abstained.

EO

54.4 AEL Remuneration Request – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 17th September 2020 tabled and considered.
The Policy & Finance Committee resolved by a majority, with Messrs Dent and Gentle dissenting and Messrs Jean and McKinley abstaining, not to accede to AEL's request to increase the remuneration of the Chairman and to the non-States, non-Executive Directors at this time of pandemic.

CE OFFICE

54.5 AEL Share Transfer Request – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure

54.6 AEL Annual Reports & Accounts – FOR RATIFICATION – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 17th September 2020 tabled and considered.
The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to ratify the approval of the matters of business as per the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting on the 3rd September 2020, and for a Senior Civil Servant to vote accordingly.

54.7 Homecoming – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 17th September 2020 tabled and considered.
The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to confirm that the intended interpretation of the States resolution relating to Homecoming Day is to confine the celebrations on the 15th December, irrespective of the day in the week it falls, but continue with the preceding Monday as a holiday when the 15th falls on a Saturday or Sunday (in this case the Monday will remain a holiday but will not be a day of celebration or remembrance).

54.8 Portraits of Presidents – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 17th September 2020 tabled and considered.
The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to agree in principle that for current and future Presidents, their service to the States be marked by a large photographic portrait instead of a painting. It also agreed that a discussion be opened with former President Mr Trought to assess his views on whether his portrait should continue to be a painting or whether he would be content to be the first President to have a photographic portrait.

54.9 Staffing – Verbal update from Mr A Lewis.
The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the verbal update.

54.10 Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags – Report from Ms Burgess dated 18th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:

- **Agree to the Project de Loi prohibiting Alderney retailers from supplying a single use plastic bag to consumers;**
- **Request St James Chambers to carry out its final check before seeking pre-vetting from the Ministry of Justice;**
- **Subject to the above, present the Project to the States for final agreement; and**
- **Request staff to prepare public information advice on what is covered by the legislation.**

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55/2020 Transport, Economy & Renewable Energy

55.1 Integrated Transport Strategy – Report dated 10th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee reviewed the draft Integrated Transport Strategy and agreed to consider it further at a subsequent meeting and resolved that:

- 1. Members submit written comments to the Strategic Adviser by Monday 5th October; and**
- 2. STAG, with the Harbour Master in attendance, be convened before Monday 5th October in order to provide comments to the Strategic Adviser; and**
- 3. The ITS draft remain confidential for the time being.**

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55.2 Green Aviation – Report from Strategic Adviser dated 18th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the draft letter, and issue it to Mr Harrison, copied to the Presidents of P&R, STSB and CfED in Guernsey.

55.3 Marina – Report from Chief Executives Office dated 17th September 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the draft letter to Braye Harbour Developments 2020 Ltd and to acknowledge that to progress further the development of a marina will involve expenditure by the States of Alderney on specialist technical and project advisers.

56/2020 Any Other Business

Code of Conduct – The Committee noted that the Temporary CE would be preparing a report for the Committee on options for reviewing the Code of Conduct and further it was agreed that Members be given 14 days within which to email in any comments or suggestions.

AEL Fuel Deliveries – in light of concerns over the affordability for some the delivery of full tank loads, Mr Gentle agreed to talk to staff at AEL to suggest the company revises its policy

57/2020 Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

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

58/2020 For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
- **AHA Management Accounts & Update Report**

Meeting closed: 12.55pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 25th September 2020