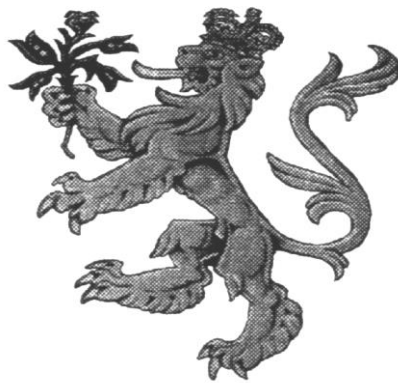


STATES OF ALDERNEY



BILLET D'ETAT

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2020

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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 3.00 pm on Sunday 27th December 2020. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on the same day at 2.15pm in the Court House.

William Tate
President

ITEM I THE BAILLIWICK'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UK-EU TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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

"The Policy and Finance Committee has received the attached policy letter which is being submitted by the Guernsey Policy and Resources Committee to the States of Deliberation for approval. The equivalent is also being laid before the Chief Pleas of Sark.

The policy letter sets out in detail the situation in regard to the Bailiwick's participation in the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

The proposals need approval in each of the three government assemblies of the Bailiwick.

The Policy and Finance Committee recognises that the proposals as presented are not open to further negotiation. The choice is binary. The States of Alderney either accepts or rejects what has been negotiated between the UK and EU and the associated impacts on Alderney and the Bailiwick.

The Committee therefore asks the States whether, after consideration of the policy letter entitled "The Bailiwick's Participation In The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement" dated 24th December, 2020 they are of the opinion:-

1. To approve the principles (set out in paragraphs 1.20 to 1.27 of the Policy Letter) governing the future relationship of the United Kingdom with the European Union consequent on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, insofar as they relate to Alderney.
2. To authorise the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee, if it is of the view that they give satisfactory effect to the principles (set out in

paragraphs 1.20 to 1.27 of the Policy Letter), to agree and to signal its approval of, on behalf of Alderney and, subject to the necessary authorisations, on behalf of Guernsey and Sark, the terms and conditions of any agreement or treaty made between Her Majesty's Government and the European Union governing the future relationship of the United Kingdom with the European Union, consequent on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, insofar as they relate to the Bailiwick.

3. To agree that the States will endeavour to establish arrangements to cooperate with the European Union on the recovery of claims related to VAT, customs duties and excise duties within a reasonable time frame and to authorise the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee to negotiate and agree and to enter into on behalf of Alderney and, subject to the necessary authorisations, on behalf of Guernsey and Sark, any protocol, agreement or other form of instrument giving effect in the Bailiwick to the arrangements if the Committee is of the view that such instrument gives effect satisfactorily to such arrangements.
4. To note that the extension of the UK's World Trade Organization ('WTO') membership to the Bailiwick will take effect at the end of the Brexit transition period and to agree that there shall be implemented such measures (including legislative measures) as the Policy and Finance Committee, in relation to Alderney, the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee, in relation to Guernsey and the Policy and Finance Committee of the Chief Pleas of Sark, in relation to Sark think fit for the purpose of ensuring that Alderney, Guernsey and Sark may comply and remain in compliance with obligations that arise from the extension of the UK's WTO membership to the Bailiwick.
5. To note the inclusion of the Bailiwick in various free trade agreements (which have previously had effect in the Bailiwick by virtue of the Bailiwick's relationship with the EU, and the operation of which has been "rolled over" by the UK) and other agreements which will take effect at the end of the Brexit transition period and to agree that there shall be implemented such measures (including legislative measures) as the Policy and Finance Committee, in relation to Alderney, the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee, in relation to Guernsey and the Policy and Finance Committee of the Chief Pleas of Sark, in relation to Sark think fit for the purpose of ensuring that Alderney, Guernsey and Sark may comply and remain in compliance with obligations that arise from the inclusion of the Bailiwick in such agreements.
6. To note that the Customs Arrangement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Bailiwick signed on 26th November, 2018 in London, will enter into effect from the end of the Brexit transition period following the exchange of letters between the UK and the Bailiwick.
7. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.

The above Propositions have been considered and verified by Her Majesty's Comptroller.

James Dent, Chairman
Policy & Finance Committee
24 December 2020"

Proposer: Mr Kevin Gentle
Seconder: Mr Alex Snowdon

The States of Alderney is asked :-

- 1. To approve the principles (set out in paragraphs 1.20 to 1.27 of the Policy Letter) governing the future relationship of the United Kingdom with the European Union consequent on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, insofar as they relate to Alderney.**
- 2. To authorise the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee, if it is of the view that they give satisfactory effect to the principles (set out in paragraphs 1.20 to 1.27 of the Policy Letter), to agree and to signal its approval of, on behalf of Alderney and, subject to the necessary authorisations, on behalf of Guernsey and Sark, the terms and conditions of any agreement or treaty made between Her Majesty's Government and the European Union governing the future relationship of the United Kingdom with the European Union, consequent on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, insofar as they relate to the Bailiwick.**
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- 7. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.**

Note:- The Policy Letter referred to in this Billet d'Etat may be viewed online at <http://alderney.gov.gg/article/179080/Billet-dtat>

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