

SPECIAL POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
7th May 2021
1500 hours

PRESENT:

Mr W Abel, Chairman
Mr C Harris
Mr S Roberts
Mr G McKinley
Mr I Carter
Mr A Snowdon
Mr R Jenkins
Mr K Gentle
Mr B Kelly
Ms A Burgess

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms K Jones Chief Executive (via Teams)

Apologies: Nil

ACTION

Alderney and Guernsey Joint Working

Following the meeting of the Alderney Liaison Group with Guernsey (Guernsey Working Together GWT) on the 30th March 2021 a note of the meeting and the details of the proposals were circulated by email by Bill Abel to all members.

Guernsey P&R were due to meet on the 11th May 2021 and confirm the proposed work programme to be done by the two Civil Services to improve the effectiveness of the Alderney Civil Service.

Documentation was provided by email by Kath Jones on the 6th May 2021 for Alderney P&F to consider and approve the proposed work programme.

After discussion and due to the limited period that Members had to consider the documentation provided by the Chief Executive the committee resolved:

- 1) To request the Chief Executive to request that the matter is tabled at a later date with the Guernsey P&R.**
- 2) That members would provide comments to the Chief Executive by Sunday 09th May 2021 for an update of the proposal and email sign off.**

Members/CE

Economic Development Committee (EDC) and Presidents concern that it was operating 'Ultra vires'.

The Law Officers (Mr Robert Titterington) had been consulted on this issue as Members were unclear as to how the EDC could be considered to be operating 'Ultra Vires' as the President's concern had not been fully understood.

The email from Mr Titterington was tabled (Attachment 1) and discussed.

The main concern was the approval of the updated mandate for the EDC on the 25th March 2021 where the mandate referred to EDC being a 'States Committee'.

In terms of Section 49 of the Government of Alderney Law 2004 a 'States Committee' can only be approved by the States and, as yet, this had not been given.

On discussion it was concluded that the wording Committee and States were used interchangeably and that this had been used as part of the updated mandate for EDC, however, on reviewing the mandate for the 'Finance Committee' it was clear that the mandate needed to reflect that the Economic Development Committee needed to be stated as being a sub-committee of the Policy and Finance Committee.

The Policy and Finance resolved to follow the Law Officers advice and ratifies and confirms:

- 1) The establishment of the Economic Development sub-committee with effect from 26 January 2021.**
- 2) The appointment of the members of the sub-committee and its mandate. The members being Ms Annie Burgess as Chair, Mr Ian Carter as Deputy Chair, Mr Alex Snowdon, Mr Steve Roberts, Mr Christian Harris as States Members and Mr N Vooght and Mr R Corkhill as non-States members.**
- 3) The mandate as a sub-committee of the Policy and Finance (It was agreed that the mandate should be edited to exclude 'States Committee' and that this is replaced with wording used in the mandate of the Finance Committee – 'a sub-committee of the Policy and Finance Committee'- update as per Attachment 2).**

Members/EDC

Relationship with the President

The recent interaction between the President and the Policy and Finance Committee had highlighted the difficulties of communications and understandings between the two offices.

Following discussion the Policy and Finance Committee resolved that communications needed to improve and:

- 1) That the President's Forum is a suitable venue to achieve this aim.**
- 2) That the Chair of P&F confirm the attendance of Members at the next President's Forum on the 17th May and propose an agenda which confirms the purpose of the Forum (draft circulated for agreement and forwarded to the President).**

Chair of P&F

Meeting closed: 16.30pm

Signed: Bill Abel

Date: 10 May 2021