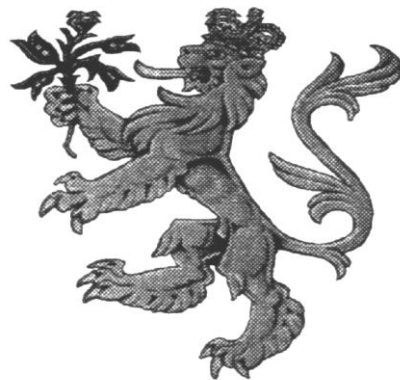


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#### **Members of the States:**

I have the honour to inform you that the Meeting of the States will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Island Hall.

**W Stuart Trought  
President**

#### **Item I      Budgets for 2017 and Revised Budgets 2016**

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

*“Under Section 58 of the Government of Alderney Law the Policy & Finance Committee is required to publish the proposed budgets for 2017 and report on the budget for 2016.*

*The attached Budget Report provides a full explanation relating to the States of Alderney and the States of Alderney Water Board budgets, together with the Ordinances required for the proposed rate changes to come into effect.*

*I would be grateful if you would place this matter before the States of Alderney with appropriate propositions.*

*R McDowall  
Chairman”*

**The States of Alderney is asked, after consideration of the Budget Report :-**

**To accept the States of Alderney Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2017**

**To accept the States of Alderney Water Board Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2017**

**To approve The Occupier's Rate (Level for 2017) Ordinance, 2016**

**To approve The States Water Supply (Rates of Charge) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2016**

**Item II**      **Report on the Governance Review – “Alderney’s Choices”**

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

*“Please find attached the report entitled “Alderney Choices” for debate without any resolution, by the States of Alderney.*

*R McDowall  
Chairman”*

**Item III**      **Requête:-**

**Under Clause 45(4) of the Government of Alderney Law 2004, four members of the States of Alderney have signed the following Requête:-**

*“REQUÊTE  
In concern of Alderney’s failing air service and economy.*

*Since my last attempt to bring a requête to the States of Alderney, little has changed and after a recent meeting with Aurigny no change is planned for the good of Alderney and its lifeline service. Three trislanders are to be scrapped, two before May, and only one replacement Dornier.*

*At the moment we have bare cover because of the above, but the plans will leave Alderney with a shortfall that at times will perhaps provide no cover at all, with absolute inability to catch up after technical or prolonged weather problems.*

*These problems need to be addressed urgently.*

*The points below are slightly different from the last but more aimed at specific areas, in the hope that my colleagues in both islands will take in.*

*In my view many millions of Alderney and Guernsey taxpayers’ money is being wasted on a daily basis from poor decisions.*

*The States of Alderney is mindful of the social and economic problems facing the island. In large part, and the States of Alderney, believe that this is due to the poor connectivity recently provided by Aurigny.*

*The States of Alderney consequently:-*

- *welcomes the 'Strategic Review of Aurigny' recently commissioned by States of Guernsey Policy and Resources Committee and requests that this Review makes clear distinction of the separate and different needs of Alderney and Guernsey*
- *no longer has confidence in both*
  - (i) the senior management of Aurigny; and*
  - (ii) the articles governing the relationship between Aurigny and its current shareholder, the States of Guernsey.*

*The States of Alderney notes that the articles governing the relationship between Aurigny and the States of Guernsey include:*

- *to achieve a breakeven position for the Aurigny Group, excluding agreed exceptional one-off costs and losses incurred in operating lifeline services to and from Alderney agreed with the shareholder;*
- *to offer 63% of seats on London Gatwick services at £67.22 or less in 2017.*

*The States of Alderney believes that new language is required that*

- *more clearly defines the nature of the Alderney lifeline services; and*
- *reconciles the separate requirements for Aurigny to achieve:*
  - breakeven while at the same time providing*
  - lifeline/PSO services to Alderney, and*
  - cheap controlled fares to London Gatwick, Southampton, and Guernsey.*
- *Take in the need to provide extra flights when need arises, and absorb empty legs as on other services, LGW and regional services.*

*One thing that has changed in Alderney, is the public reaction. One thousand and thirty four signatures were gained from a little published petition, that would amount to thirty four thousand signatures in a petition in Guernsey. It gives an insight into what we are getting here, from our service.*

*I bring this Requête to the States, and urge a vote of No Confidence in the above, and to define and act upon our request, on all points outlined, and above.*

*We the undersigned support this Requête and take it forward for the good of Alderney.”*

Signed by Messrs Roberts, Tugby, Simonet and McDowall

**The States of Alderney is asked to vote for a motion of no confidence in:**

- 1. The senior management of Aurigny; and**
- 2. The articles governing the relationship between Aurigny and its current shareholder, The States of Guernsey**

**Item IV**      **Questions and Reports**

No Questions or Report received

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