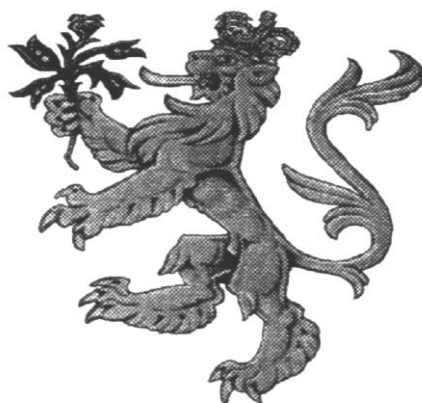


States of Alderney



DELIBERATIONS

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2020

STATES OF ALDERNEY
DELIBERATIONS
FOR THE STATES MEETING
ON SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 1500HRS

Present: Mr William Tate, President
Mr Bill Abel
Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Kevin Gentle
Mr Christian Harris
Mr Louis Jean
Mr Graham McKinley, OBE
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Alex Snowdon

Lieutenant G T Workman RN (Rtd) represented His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

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

The President exercised his discretion as provided for by Rule 4(1)a of the States of Alderney Rules of Procedure and allowed a shorter period of notice for the matter to be included on the Billet d'Etat.

The following Amendment was received and again the President exercised his discretion under Rule 7 of the States of Alderney Rules of Procedure and shortened the notice period to allow the amendment to be debated.

"1. Immediately after Proposition 6 insert the following Proposition:-

"7. To note the contents of the letter dated 24 December 2020, relating to the Bailiwick's participation in the Agreement between the UK and the EU, sent by the Lord Chancellor & Secretary of State for Justice to the President of the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee."

2. Renumber Proposition 7 as Proposition 8."

Amendment Proposed by Mr Kevin Gentle
Amendment Seconded by Mr Alex Snowdon

Amendment approved unanimously

The item as amended was then debated and The States of Alderney resolved:-

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 note the contents of the letter dated 24 December 2020, relating to the Bailiwick's participation in the Agreement between the UK and the EU, sent by the Lord Chancellor & Secretary of State for Justice to the President of the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee."**
8. **To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.**

The President extended, on behalf of the States of Alderney, his thanks to the Alderney Civil Service for their role in achieving this outcome.

Meeting Closed: 1543hrs