

## BILLET D'ETAT FOR 19-10-2005

**Date: 19th October, 2005**

DELIBERATIONS OF THE MEETING HELD ON

19th OCTOBER, 2005 AT 1730 hours

Present: Sir Norman Browse

Colonel P F Walter

Mr J Postlethwaite

Mr R Cox

Mr B Pengilley

Mr R Willmott

Mrs S Phillips

Mrs L Maurice

Miss B Benfield

Mr W Walden

Mr C Main

The Reverend A Mignot represented His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey .

### Item I Budgets for 2006 and Expected Outturn 2005

The following amendment to the proposition was proposed by Mr Willmott and seconded by Mr Walden:

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After the words "to accept the Capital Budgets" insert the words "subject to the reversal of the proposed transfer from Gambling Commission funds of £500k included within the budgeted Capital Income for 2006 of £1,249,900".

(Amendment rejected)

(For the amendment: Messrs Willmott, Walden and Main, Mrs Phillips and Miss Benfield.

Against the amendment: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Postlethwaite, Pengilley and Mrs Maurice).

The original proposition was then voted upon.

The States resolved, after consideration of the Budget Reports, to: -

a) accept the Revenue Budgets for 2006,

b) accept the Capital Budgets for 2006,

c) accept the Water Board Budget for 2006.

(Proposed by Colonel Walter and seconded by Mr Postlethwaite)

(Approved by a majority)

(For: Colonel Walter, Messrs Cox, Willmott, Walden, Postlethwaite, Pengilley, Mrs Maurice, and Mrs Phillips.

Against: Mr Main.  
Abstained: Miss Benfield).

## **Item II Proposal to enact legislation whereby the Law Reform (Tort) (Guernsey) Law, 1979 be given effect to in Alderney , subject to the appropriate adaptation and modification.**

The States resolved to "Approve in principle the enactment of legislations whereby the Law Reform (Tort) (Guernsey) Law, 1979 be given effect to in Alderney, subject to appropriate adaptation and modification".  
(Proposed by Colonel Walter, seconded by Mr Cox)  
(Approved unanimously).

## **Item III Questions and Reports**

Questions for verbal reply regarding New Dwellings Profits Tax ( Alderney ) Law 2000 and the Presidents Newsletter were asked by Mr R Willmott of the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee.

Mr Main provided a brief update on the progress of Fort Tourgis. Mr Main reported that on the 17th August 2005 an application had been received for a preliminary declaration for the redevelopment and renovation of Fort Tourgis. The application was discussed at the Building and Development Control Committee meeting on 9th September 2005 and the Committee agreed unanimously to seek an independent environmental impact assessment before proceeding any further with plans for Fort Tourgis. The Policy and Finance Committee approved the funding for this assessment on 15th September 2005. Mr Main reported that the Assistant States Engineer had contacted the Royal Town Planning Institution and compiled a list of five suitable consultants. The five consultants were provided with an outline set of requirements and were asked to submit proposals and fees. The successful consultant, Foxley Tagg Planning Limited, a medium sized planning consultant based in Cheltenham, was chosen as they were the most economical and able to tailor their study in an appropriate manner, bearing in mind the different regulations between the UK and Alderney.

Mr Main reported that two staff from Foxley Tagg had visited the Island on 6th and 7th October 2005 on a fact finding and information gathering exercise and they had met with the Assistant States Engineer, local experts on wildlife, history and fortifications. They had visited Fort Tourgis and viewed it from many approaches, including a boat trip down the Swinge.

Mr Main stated that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report was due to be completed on 4th November 2005 and Foxley Tagg had offered to present the report, in full, to the States during week commencing 7th November 2005. This presentation would allow States Members to ask relevant questions and clarify that the report was a true representation of facts and issues.

The President reported that a recent meeting with the Minister of the Home Department and the Chief of Police to discuss on-Island policing issues had been well received. The President stated that the Minister and the Chief of Police had noted our concerns and had agreed to speed up process and improve the way that the Island was policed.

The President reported that he had attended the induction of the new Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Fabian Malbon, KBE yesterday. It was noted that the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Malbon would be attending the November States Meeting.

The President reported that a second consultation document had been issued on the Bailiwick's future economic and taxation strategy and that a public presentation would be held on Friday 28th October 2005

at 6:30pm in the Island Hall. The President stated that this was a very important meeting that would affect everyone who lived within the Bailiwick. The President reported that the presentation panel would consist of the Treasury and Resources Department Minister, the Guernsey States Treasurer and others. It was noted that copies of the consultation document were available from the States General Office, on the States of Guernsey website and to view at the Alderney Library.

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