



BILLET D'ETAT FOR 22-12-2005

Date: 22nd December, 2005

Members of the States:

I have the honour to inform you that the Meeting of the States will be held at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 22nd December 2005. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 14th December 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Island Hall.

Sir Norman Browse
President

Item 1 Occupier's Rate (Level for 2006) Ordinance, 2005

The following letter has been received from Colonel Walter, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee: -

"You will be aware that at the end of each year, the States must, by Ordinance, set the level at which the Occupier's Rate is to be charged for the following year.

As I reported in the Budget report in October, my Committee would review the level to be charged in 2006 towards the end of the year, and make recommendations in the light of the full year's cost of waste disposal. Although it must be said that the two items are not necessarily linked, it was agreed last year that the extra cost of dealing with our municipal waste through export and recycling had to be met at least partially by Occupier's rates.

The cost of dealing with waste will increase next year, and the figures now available suggest that the total refuse disposal costs in 2006 may exceed the original estimate by about £25,000. As the overall estimate for 2006 shows a deficit of £188,000 that will have to be met from the accumulated surplus, my Committee believes that at least part of this additional cost should be met from the rates.

It is therefore proposed that Occupier's Rate should be increased by the RPI figure of 3.8%, which will raise approximately £12,750. It is hoped that the remaining shortfall can be met by a combination of savings and income growth.

I therefore enclose a draft Ordinance entitled "the Occupier's Rate (Level for 2006) Ordinance, 2005", and would be grateful if you would lay this before the States with appropriate propositions.

P F Walter
Chairman"

The States is asked to approve the Occupier's Rate (Level for 2006) Ordinance, 2005.

Item II Proposed Increase in Harbour Dues, Pilotage Dues and Mooring Charges

The following letter has been received from Colonel Walter, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee: -

"1. Harbour and Pilotage Dues

The Policy and Finance Committee, having received recommendations from the General Services Committee on the level of charges to be imposed for the various services provided by the States at Braye Harbour, are agreed that with effect from 1st January 2006, the Harbour and Pilotage Dues should be increased by 3.8% in line with the last published annual increase in the Guernsey Index of Retail Prices. My Committee has further agreed that the minimum Harbour Dues for passenger vessels should be increased from £17.39 to £37.00.

2. Mooring Charges

The General Services Committee is recommending that local mooring charges be increased by 3.8% in line with RPI, but recommends no increase in the mooring charge for visiting yachts in order to remain competitive with other harbours in the region which offer better facilities. The Committee is however proposing a 20% increase in the anchoring charge for visiting yachts from £2.50 to £3.00 per night.

My Committee agrees with these proposals.

The three Statutory Instruments required to bring the new fees into force have been drafted and are enclosed herewith. They are as follows: -

Statutory Instrument No 2 of 2005 relating to Harbour Dues and Fees

Statutory Instrument No 3 of 2005 relating to Pilotage Dues and Fees

Statutory Instrument No 4 of 2005 relating to Mooring Charges

I would be grateful if you will place these Statutory Instruments before the States with appropriate propositions.

P.F.Walter

Chairman"

The States is asked to approve: -

1. Statutory Instrument No 2 of 2005

2. Statutory Instrument No 3 of 2005

3. Statutory Instrument No 4 of 2005

Item III Policy and Finance Committee - Annual Report for 2005

The following letter has been received from Colonel Walter, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee: -

"In accordance with States Resolution VII(1) of the 4th May, 1977, I attach hereto the Annual Report of the Policy and Finance Committee for 2005.

I should be glad if you would place this Report before the States with an appropriate proposition.

P. Walter

Chairman"

The States is asked to accept the Annual Report for 2005 of the Policy and Finance Committee.

Item IV General Services Committee - Annual Report for 2005

The following letter has been received from Mr B Pengilley, Chairman of the General Services Committee: -

"In accordance with States Resolution VII(1) of the 4th May, 1977, I attach hereto the Annual Report of the General Services Committee for 2005.

I should be glad if you would place this Report before the States with an appropriate proposition.

B Pengilley
Chairman"

The States is asked to accept the Annual Report for 2005 of the General Services Committee.

Item V Building and Development Control Committee - Annual Report for 2005

The following letter has been received from Mr C Main, Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee: -

"In accordance with States Resolution VII(1) of the 4th May, 1977, I attach hereto the Annual Report of the Building and Development Control Committee for 2005.

I should be glad if you would place this Report before the States with an appropriate proposition.

C Main
Chairman"

The States is asked to accept the Annual Report for 2005 of the Building and Development Control Committee.

Item VI Questions and Reports

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