



BILLET D'ETAT FOR 17-11-2010

Date: 17th November, 2010

**STATES OF ALDERNEY
BILLET D'ETAT FOR
WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT 17:30**

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 17th November 2010. His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Fabian Malbon, KBE, Lieutenant Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey will be in attendance. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 10th November 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Island Hall.

Colin Williams
Vice President

Item 1 Inter-Island Freight and Passenger Services

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

The Inter-Island Shipping Freight and Passenger Services contract that grants a company the sole right to conduct a seaborne act of trade for the transportation of freight and passengers between the islands of Guernsey Alderney Guernsey is due for renewal on the 1st January 2011.

Expressions of interest were sought early February 2010 and tender documents were circulated to the interested parties. Two tenders were received by the closing date of 31st May 2010, namely Alderney Shipping Company Limited and Huelin-Renouf Shipping Company Limited.

Meetings were held on the 7th July and 30th September in order to score the two submissions utilising the responses received to the evaluation criteria set out in the invitation to tender as follows; Company History & Service details; Audited Financial Statements/Accounts; any outstanding Legal Proceedings/Previous Proceedings or Regulatory action; Commencement of Service; Ability to Meet or Exceed the Contract Terms; Quality of Service proposed and Price; Ships Details (including Ownership)/Ships Seaworthiness and Certification/Vessel Contingency and back up; Stevedoring and Cargo Handling, Plant/Cargo Handling, Method Statement and Health & Safety Policy.

Both tenders were scored and then assessed by a panel comprising the CEO, Treasurer and Harbourmaster with the result that the General Services Committee recommends that, subject to the approval of the full States, Alderney Shipping Company Limited be awarded the Inter-Island Freight and Passenger Services contract commencing on the 1st January 2011 until its expiry on the 31st December 2017.

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

C Williams
Deputy Chairman

The States is asked to authorise the General Services Committee to enter into an agreement with Alderney Shipping Company Limited for the provision of a shipping service for the transportation of freight and passengers between the islands of Guernsey Alderney Guernsey, commencing on 1st January 2011 and expiring on the 31st December 2017.

Item II The Fees (Amendment) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2010

The following letter has been received from Mr G Sargent, Deputy Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee:

The current Fees (Amendment) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2009 sets out the prescribed fees payable by virtue of a variety of Laws and Ordinances. The Policy and Finance Committee in consultation with the General Services Committee has recently reviewed the level of charges with the intention of introducing a new scale of fees with effect from 1st January 2011.

It is recommended that the majority of fees are increased by RPIX (rounded) which is currently 2.3% with some fees remaining at 2010 level. The main exception to this are the fees collected under the Building & Development Control Law which is currently under review and until such time will remain at 2009 levels.

Other proposed increases as listed in the various sections are detailed below:-

PART I

Import and Export Control Law and Orders

Plants and Corals, Mammals, Birds etc - Proposed that the licences issued for the import or export of flora and fauna to be increased to £25 per genus/species.

PART III

Fees payable under:

Liquor Licensing Ordinance

Liquor Licences An increase of 2.3% with the exception of a Restaurant Licence which is to be increased in line with the Public House Licence.

Road Traffic and Public Highways Ordinance

Public Vehicle Driving Licence Increase in line with the employment permits renewal fee to £15.50.

Water Control Law

Borehole Licence Increase to £150

PART V

Residential and Nursing Homes Proposed increase in the application for registration to £360 plus £28 per registered resident.

The new Fees Ordinance entitled The Fees (Amendment)(Alderney) Ordinance, 2010 has been prepared and is attached. If approved this will come into force on 1st January 2011.

I would be grateful if you would place this before the States with an appropriate proposition.

G Sargent

Deputy Chairman

The States is asked to approve of "The Fees (Amendment) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2010".

Item III Occupiers Rate 2011

The following letter has been received from Mr G Sargent, Deputy Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee:

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

At a Policy and Finance budget meeting held on 3rd September 2010 it was proposed that the Occupiers Rates for 2011 should remain at 2010 levels. The rationale for this decision being that with increases in Water Rates by 10% per annum since 2006, and a further budgeted increase of 10% during the second half of 2011, this would give ratepayers some reprieve in the current financial climate. However it was agreed that this reprieve would be treated as a one off in order to ensure that slippage does not occur, as had previously occurred with Water Rates increases.

This decision was formally approved at the Policy & Finance Committee meeting held on 27th September 2010.

I therefore enclose a draft Ordinance entitled The Occupiers Rate (Level for 2011) Ordinance, 2010 and should be grateful if you would place this before the States with appropriate propositions.

G Sargent

Deputy Chairman

The States is asked to approve The Occupiers Rate (Level for 2011) Ordinance, 2010.

Item XI Questions and Reports

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