

Press Release

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POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The States of Alderney Policy and Finance Committee met on 25th November 2014. The full minutes will be published shortly and the following issues are worthy of note.

STATES TO PROTECT AVIATION FUEL SUPPLY

The States of Alderney is taking action to ensure that aviation fuel remains available on the island. Doubts had been cast when it became apparent that the existing fuel bowser was in need of replacement. Immediate steps are being taken to provide a temporary replacement while Alderney Electricity and the States work together to provide a permanent solution. Aviation fuel is used by both Aurigny and the many private pilots who visit or live in Alderney.

Francis Simonet, Chairman of the States Policy & Resources Committee said, "We are already having problems with the reliability of the Aurigny service - it would be remiss of us to compound the situation by removing the refuelling facility at Alderney airport. Furthermore, the contribution to the Alderney economy from private pilots ("general aviation") every year is huge, close to £500,000. It is, therefore, doubly important that we take action to protect this vital part of the island's transport infrastructure."

The members of the Policy and Finance Committee are:

Francis Simonet (Chairman)
Raymond Berry
Matt Birmingham
Neil Harvey
Louis Jean
Robert McDowall (Deputy Chairman)
Norma Paris
Steve Roberts
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