## **Press Release**

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## HISTORIC AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN CHANNEL ISLANDS AND NORMANDY

An 'Agreement of Decentralised Cooperation' was signed in Cherbourg on 22 January 2015 between the Region Basse-Normandie, La Manche, Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark. The agreement was signed on behalf of the States of Alderney by Neil Harvey, Chairman of Policy & Finance.

Mr Harvey said, "This agreement is the culmination of a number of meetings with our friends in Normandy. We hope to see these discussions translated very soon into some positive, concrete actions which will be of benefit to Alderney, its economy and people. In particular we expect to see greater co-operation and mutually helpful actions in transport and tourism, and in the longer term, our tidal energy project'.

A copy of the agreement is attached.

The members of the Policy and Finance Committee are:

Neil Harvey (Chairman) Matt Birmingham Louis Jean Graham McKinley Robert McDowall (Deputy Chairman) Norma Paris Steve Roberts Chris Rowley Francis Simonet Ian Tugby