POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ANNE FRENCH ROOM 14th May 2019 0915 hours

PRESENT: IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr J Dent, Chairman Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
Mr D Earl Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance

Mr S Roberts (TREASURY)

Mr G McKinley Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer Mr M Dean to the Chief Executive (EO);

Mr A Snowdon Mr C Brock, Director of Business Mr L Jean Development

Mr K Gentle Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Adviser

Ms A Burgess (from 10.45) (SFA)

HM Procurer Megan Pullum

Apologies: Ms A Burgess (for first part of the meeting) & Mr C Harris

ACTION

37/2019 Matters Arising

37.1 <u>Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey</u> Representatives

BDCC – SoA representatives attended RTPI Awards ceremony – we did not win but all finalists were commended for their achievement in being shortlisted. The appeal Court Case starts on Thursday. The Butes issue was raised and GSC will be considering the outcome of further consultancy work.

GSC – Matters discussed included ABO/AWT and Nunnery, Braye Common, Marina, Old Connaught redevelopment ideas and the New Connaught extension.

Finance – Matters discussed included the meeting with Commonwealth Mint, Alderney Ambulance Service, Swimming Pool, AAWS, Building Regulation fees, Accounts and Audit, Stamps.

Alderney Representatives in the States of Guernsey – SR attended Carewatch meeting and will be attending the CPA next week. Chairman of P&F to write to States of Deliberation Deputies regarding representations made by a former States of Alderney Member. Awaiting a response from Deputy Chris Green regarding scrutiny of Aurigny. Equalities PDF to be distributed.

Request Deputy Emilie Yerby and Kirstin Neeson to come over to discuss equalities issues.

Updates from CTED should be available in future meetings.

37.2 External Relations

No external meetings have taken place since the last meeting. It was noted that the APPCIG is scheduled for the end of June, Gibraltar meeting in July, a Normandie meeting in September, and there is an upcoming twinning event.

38/2019 <u>Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance</u>

Source: Chief Executive's Office

38.1 Discussion with HM Procurer Megan Pullum

A detailed discussion on Brexit and the review of the 1948 Agreement took place. Megan Pullum was thanked for her very helpful contribution.

38.2 <u>Population Management</u> – Report from Chief Executive dated 9th May 2019 and Letter from Deputy Mary Lowe dated 25th April 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to welcome the Population Management (Guernsey) Law, 2016 and the Residents of other Bailiwick Islands Policy; and agreed to place this policy on the States of Alderney Website.

38.3 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - The Arsenal - See Confidential Annexure

38.4 <u>P&F Committee Meeting Dates</u> – Report from Chief Executive dated 8th May 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the Committee dates as set out in the attached schedule.

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38.5 <u>Police Mutual Aid</u> - Letter from Deputy Mary Lowe dated 2nd May 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to support an amendment to the Police Force (Guernsey) Law, 1986 to cover Alderney, so that there is the necessary legal clarity.

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38.6 Nunnery Update – Request from Mr Jean

Policy & Finance Committee resolved that the lease arrangements for the Nunnery should not be subject to a report back to the Policy & Finance Committee (Mr Jean, Mr Earl and Mr Dent against).

38.7 SoA Accounts 2018 – Report from Acting Head of Finance dated 8th May 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:

- Note the report from KPMG, including Treasury comments, dated 8th May, 2019
- Approve the 2018 States of Alderney Accounts
- Approve the Letter of Representation; and
- Request that the Accounts are presented to the States of Alderney at the earliest opportunity.

TREASURY

38.8 <u>Alderney Ambulance Service</u> – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 19th March 2019 tabled and noted.

This item was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on 13th May 2019.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved (Mr Jean against) to:

- a) Agree that the current grant award of £21,000 should be unchanged for 2019
- b) Liaise with AAS to develop an SLA as a framework for funding and accountability in the future;
- c) Instruct the Acting Head of Finance to make an indicative budget provision of £40,000 in 2020 and 2021 which will be considered further subject to feedback from AAS on points 1-6 in the report;

d) Write to the AAS to emphasise support and indicate that the possibility of an increase in 2020 will be considered later this year subject to conditions.

39/2019 Transport

39.1 Air Transport Update

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE – See Confidential Annexure

The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to send a letter to the President of HSC regarding the position of Medevac provision in the light of the revised PSO.

39.2 Sea Links

The imminent start of the Little Ferry was noted and welcomed.

40/2019 <u>Economy & Renewable Energy</u>

40.1 Alderney's Contribution against Global Warming – Request from Mr Jean

Mr Jean raised the prospect of tidal renewable energy and its potential contribution to addressing climate change. It was proposed that the Chairman of the TEG and Mr Lancaster should be invited to the next meeting.

40.2 Coastal Erosion – Request from Mr Jean

Mr Jean raised the coastal defence at the Arsenal and it was noted aspects of this fit within the BDCC and GSC remits.

41/2019 Any Other Business

- International Criminal Court legislation to be dealt with by comment in next two days.
- The Policy & Finance Committee agreed unanimously to convey their thanks to the President for his service to the Island over the last eight years and their best wishes for the future.
- P&F supported that Mr Earl will be making his 'SMILE' presentation in Guernsey to P&R and the Bailiwick Council.
- Equality, discrimination and employment rights it was agreed to debate the introduction of this legislation in the States in June (including a wellbeing strategy where physical and mental health are integrated).
- Forthcoming Gibraltar meeting on Blue Islands and Wild Islands conference in Alderney were noted. Potential for debate in the States on single-use plastics in July was agreed.
- Dates for diary 23rd May Children's Art exhibition; 9th June Hammond Memorial service.
- Tourgis Working Group further information will be provided on risks and costs in the near future. Developer, Civil Servants and Bank meeting next week to seek clarity on remaining issues.
- The provision of emergency housing and the role of the AHA was discussed.
- The rules covering cost-sharing for private air transport were discussed, including the warning by the Director of Civil Aviation.
- Mr Jean asked for an update on the Alderney Foundation.

42/2019 <u>Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation</u>

Source: Chief Executive's Office

The above draft resolutions were confirmed by the Committee Members at the meeting as being a correct record of the decisions arising from the meeting.

43/2019 For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting circulated via email
- Management Accounts Summary 30th April 2019
- GFSC Letter
- Vicarage Sale Letter

44/2019 Items Scheduled for Future Meetings

Meeting closed: 1pm

Signed: James Dent Date: 15th May 2019

Source: Chief Executive's Office