POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ANNE FRENCH ROOM 13th November 2018 0915hours

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman Mrs N Paris Mr S Roberts Mr G McKinley Mr M Dean Mr A Snowdon Mr L Jean IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE) Mrs Liz Maurice (TREASURY) Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer to the Chief Executive (EO); Mr S Taylor – Strategic Financial Advisor

Apologies: Mr I Tugby

<u>ACTION</u>

96/2018 <u>Matters Arising</u> 96.1 <u>Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey</u> <u>Representatives</u>

BDCC – Nothing to update.

GSC – Belle Vue and Butes Car park – asking for some advice because of the traffic implications. There will be a further report on the Gaol Wall before the matter is progressed.

Finance – Will consider swimming pool report when requested update is available and will then consult Trust on costs to completion. Also some coin issues were approved.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted an update on matters discussed during the four-day Guernsey States Budget debate. A potential visit to Alderney by Deputy Gavin St Pier was discussed.

96.2 External Relations

APPCIG met ten days ago. They were updated on tidal energy and 1948 Agreement.

James Dent and Norma Paris, together with the Chief Executive met Deputy GSP yesterday to discuss 1948 Agreement and transport issues. This was an initial conversation about what our objectives might be and the dialogue will be continued.

Alex Snowdon met Paul Wheelhouse, SNP Minister who is involved in tidal energy who is interested in visiting Alderney and the Channel Islands. It was resolved to ask the President to invite Mr Wheelhouse to Alderney.

97/2018 Transport

97.1 Transport Update

Noted still waiting for Ferry data and management accounts from last summer prior to being able to take a decision for next year.

Air Transport PSO tender expected in the next four weeks.

Air Alderney reported to be meeting 2-Reg on a fortnightly basis – and are prioritising the AOC ahead of the terminal.

98/2018 Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance

98.1 <u>Alderney & Sark Resident's Policies</u> - Report from States of Guernsey Population Management tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to propose that the relocation criteria be supported but requested exploration of potential amendments to delete the words "in the household of their parents" and deletion of the requirement to be under the age of 32 at the time of the permit application.

98.2 <u>Funding of Alderney Medical Services</u> – Report from the States of Deliberation tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee approved the proposals subject to any comments from the IMC which are to be received by the end of the week.

98.3 <u>**Re-appointment of Code of Conduct Panel**</u> – Report from the Chief Executive dated 30th October 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to support the reappointment of the Panel members.

98.4 <u>Declaration of States Member's Interests</u> - Report from James Dent with advice from the Chief Executive dated 4th November 2018 tabled and considered. **The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:**

- Support the proposition for consideration by the States of Alderney that from 2019 onwards, elected States Members shall be required to declare their worldwide interests; and
- (ii) Propose that draft revisions of the Code of Conduct are prepared, following consultation with the Greffier and the Law Officers, for consideration by the States of Alderney at a future date. And these should take into account the States of Guernsey rules and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association best practice.

BILLET ITEM

98.5 <u>Blue Islands Environmental Conference</u> – Report from Strategic Adviser dated 31st October 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously, subject to budget approval, to send an appropriate States Member and Civil Servant to attend the conference.

98.6 <u>Dormant Accounts</u> – Report from Chief Executive dated 18th October 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to approve the content of the draft policy letter from the Policy & Resources Committee entitled "Use of Money in Dormant Accounts" subject to expressing their wish to see additional clarity about: i) how dormancy is decided; ii) how the efforts to trace the owner are made; and iii) that the BDAF Committee are required to ensure that Alderney receives an appropriate allocation of funds.

98.7 Annual Committee Reports

A draft Annual Report for the Committee was distributed for comment by States Members within seven days.

98.8 Committee Mandate

It was agreed to review the Committee mandates. Mr Dent and Mrs Paris to liaise.

98.9 Le Banquage Freehold purchases

Report from Treasury dated 18th October 2018 tabled and noted. Source: Chief Executive's Office The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve:

- The continued indefinite offer to leaseholders to purchase the freehold of the properties at Le Banquage;
- To offer the freeholds at 2015 valuations, without exception, with a further review in 2021; and
- To investigate measures to address access to the housing market in consultation with the Alderney Housing Authority.

TREASURY

98.10 <u>Communications Engagement & Media Policy</u> – Communications and Engagement Framework tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to publish the draft Communications Engagement & Media Policy on the States website and invite comments; and to further consider the policy in January.

98.11 <u>Fees Alderney Ordinance</u> – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 7th November 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to approve the increase in fees as outlined in the schedules and for "The Fees (Alderney) Ordinance, 2018" to be placed before the December meeting of the States for approval.

BILLET ITEM

98.12 <u>Application for Licence</u> – Report from Committee for Health & Social Care tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to request that the States of Guernsey inform the States of Alderney when licence applications are made for growing in Alderney and for the final paper to be forwarded to the Committee prior to approval by the Committee *for* Health & Social Care.

99/2018 Economy & Renewable Energy

99.1 <u>Tidal Energy Group Mandate</u> – Report from the Chairman dated 6th November 2018 tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee approved the mandate which should be the subject of a press release and posted on the website.

99.2 <u>Committee for Economic Development & Tourism Mandate</u> - Report tabled and considered.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to support the Mandate of the Committee for Tourism and Economic Development which should be the subject of a press release and posted on the website.

100/2018 Any Other Business

Economic Substance and fair taxation – responses were requested within seven days from States members.

The Politically Exposed Persons rule changes were noted.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank – approved for the AIIB to be extended to Alderney and for the necessary legislation to be drafted for implementation.

Bailiwick Council – scheduled for Monday 19th November.

101/2018 Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

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.

102/2018 For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting circulated via email
- EDR Summary
- AHA Letter
- Letter re Extension of Bailiwick of Guernsey Territorial Limit to 12 Nautical Miles
- 103/2018 Items Scheduled for Future Meetings
 - Ferry Update

Meeting closed: 12 noon

Signed: James Dent

Date: 14th November 2018