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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 15th March 2017. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Island Hall.

W Stuart Trought
President

His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder, The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey will be in attendance

Item I **Chief Pleas**

Persons whose names are included on the Register of Voters and who have given due notice will address the States on matters of public interest.

Item II **Amendment to General Services Committee Mandate**

The following letter was received from Mrs Norma Paris, Chairman of the General Services Committee:-

"The States of Alderney has a duty under the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012 to ensure that it has risk assessed, planned for emergencies and carried out suitable training and liaison in order to be prepared for an island emergency.

To ensure that the States of Alderney is prepared, an island emergency plan was produced last year which set out the generic arrangements for coordinating the response to a major incident. The plan recognises the very limited resources on island and highlights the need for all responding agencies to be clear that on declaration of a major incident, the primary objective after assessment will be to consider evacuating all casualties requiring medical attention (above and beyond the most basic first aid) to the nearest suitable off island hospital. As with all emergency plans, effective communication is critical both internally and externally with other jurisdictions/transferred services from Guernsey which will in all

likelihood provide the majority of essential resources required in the response (hospital/police). In order to achieve this, the plan recognises the need for the formation of an officer level Strategic or Tactical Coordinating Group.

Training for specific elements of the response continues to be provided on an ad hoc basis with regular liaison provided between the Alderney Executive Officer, Chief Executive's Office and the Guernsey Emergency Planning Officer, Office for the Committee for Home Affairs, to ensure the island remains cognisant of new developments.

Validation of the Alderney Emergency Plan was provided through the delivery of a multi-agency exercise in May 2016 with observations from the Military Regional Liaison Officers, Guernsey Police and the Guernsey Emergency Planning Officer.

The General Services Committee at its recent meeting noted the arrangements and resolved to continue to support the emergency planning initiatives and training on island. As suitable arrangements are in place including a close working relationship with Guernsey at both political and officer level, it is not felt advisable to establish any further political working group which could result in duplication of effort in planning and potentially dangerous miscommunication in the event of an island emergency. The Committee agreed to dissolve the GSC Civil Emergency Working Party due to the duplication of responsibilities, and to amend the Committee Mandate accordingly.

I would be grateful if you would place this matter before the next meeting of the States of Alderney with an appropriate proposition.

*Norma Paris
Chairman"*

The States of Alderney is asked to approve the amended General Services Committee mandate to remove the reference to the Civil Emergency Working Party but noting that the Committee still retains the responsibility for environmental monitoring and for the co-ordination of public services in the event of a civil emergency.

Item III Transfer of ownership of The St John Alderney Ambulance Service Limited from The Commandery of the Bailiwick of Guernsey of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem ("The Commandery") to The Alderney Foundation

The following letter was received from Mr James Dent, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee:-

"As part of the continual process of reviewing emergency ambulance services and the wider health care provision in the Bailiwick, opportunities for improved skills and resource sharing within Alderney have been identified. In order to realise these benefits, the Commandery and the Board of St John Alderney Ambulance Service Limited have agreed, in principle, that 100% ownership of the St John Alderney Ambulance Service Limited be transferred from the Commandery to the Alderney Foundation, subject to States approval, which holds assets for the benefit of the People of Alderney. This will enable governance, standard setting and operational management to be consolidated more closely within the wider Alderney healthcare infrastructure.

It should be noted that the ambulance service on Alderney will not change in any way, but will thereafter be called the Alderney Ambulance Service. The Guernsey

and Alderney ambulance services remain committed to assisting each other, for example in emergency situations and to share knowledge where this may improve either service. St John will continue to provide support where this is appropriate and valuable, and in so doing retaining its long standing relationship with Alderney.

Legal advice on the transfer of the share to the Trust has been received and it has been advised that the transfer requires the full approval of the States of Alderney. Once approval is received the formalities associated with the share transfer will commence.

I would be grateful if you would place this matter before the next meeting of the States of Alderney with an appropriate proposition.

*James Dent
Chairman”*

The States of Alderney is asked to approve the transfer of the share in The St John Alderney Ambulance Service Limited held by The Commandery of the Bailiwick of Guernsey of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (“The Commandery”) to The Alderney Foundation

Item IV The Air Transport Licensing (Exemption of Air Taxi Services) (Alderney) Regulations, 2017

The following letter was received from Mr James Dent, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee:-

“In March 2016 the Policy and Finance Committee agreed that air taxi services should be exempted from the ambit of the Alderney Air Transport Licensing Legislation. The primary reason for this decision was to facilitate air taxi operations involving Alderney Airport. The decision mirrored an earlier decision of the same nature in Guernsey.

The Committee is aware that there are now a number of potential air taxi operations that may wish to include Alderney as part of their services, and as such it is timely for the legislation to be enacted at the earliest opportunity.

The necessary legislation is now ready to enact and a copy of the Regulation (The Air Transport Licensing (Exemption of Air taxi Services) (Alderney) Regulations, 2017) is attached. The Regulations were made by the Committee on 31st January and came into operation on that date and will continue in force unless the States resolve to annul the Regulation when it is laid before them.

I would be grateful if you would place this matter before the next meeting of the States of Alderney with an appropriate proposition.

*James Dent
Chairman”*

The States of Alderney is asked to resolve not to annul The Air Transport Licensing (Exemption of Air Taxi Services) (Alderney) Regulations, 2017.

Item V **Independent Review of Health and Social Care Need, Provision and Governance in Alderney (Wilson Report)**

The following letter was received from Mr James Dent, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee:-

“The States of Alderney welcomes Professor Wilson's report. We consider it very thorough. That the report is to some extent reliant on anecdote does not detract from its conclusions, Professor Wilson did not have access to the databases that would more usually be the foundation of such work and instead he had to rely on interviews with a very willing population.

Most importantly, the report highlights:

- *the differences between Alderney and Guernsey and the consequent requirement for different approaches to primary and secondary medical care on the two islands;*
- *the options for institutional change in the way that primary and secondary health care might be delivered;*
- *the need to collect data on which future decisions in regard to the optimum methods for delivery of secondary care can be established.*

The report entitled “Independent Review of Health and Social Care Need, Provision and Governance in Alderney” has been made available in hard copy to the public, I would be grateful if you would place this matter before the next meeting of the States of Alderney with an appropriate proposition.

*James Dent
Chairman”*

The States of Alderney is asked to:-

- a. Approve that the Chief Executive conveys to the Committee for Health and Social Care the urgent need to implement the 16 basic recommendations contained in the report and asks them to work with the States of Alderney on a timetable;**

and

- b. Request Professor Wilson to return to Alderney to:**
- (i) conduct further confidential research in order to establish which option for institutional change is the best way forward for our primary health care services.**
 - (ii) indicate the cost implications, if any, associated with the options identified.**

Item VI **Questions and Reports**

The following report was received from Mr Birmingham, Chairman of the Building and Development Control Committee:-

“Land Use Plan 2017 – Progress Report

Last year, Phase 1 of the Land Use Plan (LUP) established a vision for the Island and its approach to housing. The policies for the building area were revised, and previous general guidelines consolidated into the plan. All other designated area policies other than for existing dwellings, were left unchanged. Phase 1 of the

LUP was approved by the States in July 2016 after a Public Inquiry held by the Planning Inspector Mr Alan Langton in April.

At the same time the States approved amendments to the Building and Development Control (Alderney) Law 2002 to enable implementation of the new LUP policies. The requirement for C permits for new housing was removed and greater flexibility allowed in the extension of existing dwellings in the designated area. Amendments were also made widening the law's scope to include biodiversity, sustainable development and powers to require environmental impact assessments.

Work on Phase 2 started in July. It has drawn on all available information sources. The resulting documents with over 200 recommendations, have been completed with the input of local stakeholders, the Alderney Wildlife Trust, the Alderney Society, the Guernsey Museums Service, and the Planning Office with the help of several local individuals. On 17 February the Committee published the three draft LUP Strategies; for economic development; the natural environment and the built environment and heritage. These drafts strategies are on the States of Alderney website, and printed copies are available from the Planning Office. Members of the public and States Members have been invited to submit comments to the Planning Office by 17 March 2017.

After taking account of the comments from States Members and the public on these drafts, the final strategies will form part of the 'evidence base' which, along with responses to the call for sites being assessed by ARUP, will inform the draft LUP. This is due to be published for public comment towards the end of May followed by a Public Inquiry in late summer. Unfortunately after receiving an invitation, Mr Alan Langton has advised the President that he is unavailable to conduct the Inquiry for phase 2 for personal reasons. The date of the Inquiry cannot yet be confirmed until his replacement is confirmed. Phase 2 aims to complete the LUP by this autumn.

Some of the new LUP policies will require a law change to put them into effect. BDCC intend that the changes which can be made by Ordinance, will be progressed in parallel to the LUP, so that when the LUP policy is adopted by the States the law change can also be adopted to give effect to it. The previous Planning Inspector was content with that procedure.

However it has also to be recognised that some law changes cannot be made by Ordinance, and will require a Project de Loi which has a longer timescale. The Committee will be able to identify these items and advise the States further after the public consultation is complete and we have sight of the new draft LUP.

27 February 2017"

Issued: 3rd March 2017