

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
14th November 2017
0915hours**

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
Mr A Barnes
Mrs N Paris
Mr S Roberts
Mr G McKinley
Mr L Jean
Mr M Dean
Mr A Snowdon
Mr I Tugby

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Lewis, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer to
the Chief Executive (EO)
Mr P Veron, Strategic Adviser (SA) (For
Items 1.1-3.4 and 5.1)
Mr C Brock, Director of Business
Development (DBD) (for Item 5.1)
Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor
(SFA)
Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer

In Attendance:

Apologies: Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, States Treasurer (TREASURY)

ACTION

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Matters Arising**115.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC, GSC, ALG & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC - The Committee noted a verbal report from the Deputy Chairman of BDCC, which included reference to the threat of legal action over the potential future decisions by the States.

GSC – The Committee noted a verbal update from the Chairman of GSC, including the reference to the Inter-island freight contract. The Chairman of P&F expressed a view that unless there was good reason he would wish to see the contract made public.

External Relations – The Committee noted the update from the Chairman on a recent meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Channel Island Group at which Alderney, Guernsey and Jersey were represented.

Tourism – The Committee received a copy of the recent Accommodation Sector Group update and noted a verbal update from the Tourism lead on various matters including guesthouse accommodation, postcodes, laundry facilities, the nunnery accommodation and non-licenced accommodation providers.

It also commented on the potential benefits of securing a distinct Alderney internet domain name ending and postcode.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted the update on matters discussed recently in the Guernsey States including the Budget, Island-wide voting and Social Security changes. It was also agreed to seek a presentation from the Committee for Health & Social Care on the future strategy for healthcare provision in Alderney.

EO

AEL Loan – The Committee noted that AEL would be taking a commercial loan as the States of Guernsey Policy and Resources Committee had advised that they would not support agree to use of States of Alderney capital funds for a loan to a commercial company.

SFA

Legal Advice on Amendments - It was noted that Members were entitled to obtain legal advice on amendments they proposed to lay before the States. It was further noted that while it would be useful for Members to share such advice with the other Members there was no obligation on them to do so.

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Air Routes

Confidential report from Chairman tabled and noted.

SA

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Transport

125.1 Airport Rehabilitation – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

125.2 Air Transport Licensing Authority – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

125.3 Ferry & Working Groups Update – Report from Chairman dated 8th November 2017.

The Committee agreed:

- **To note the report; and**
- **That the States of Alderney would continue to participate in the inter-islands tender being developed by the States of Guernsey and Jersey, and prepare responses to the questions that will arise as a result of the tender process with regards to the Alderney contract and that Alderney will insist on full participation and involvement in the final terms of reference and specification of the Alderney service.**

SA/MTWG

125.4 Air Alderney Update – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

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Legislation, Conventions & Policy

126.1 Voluntary Assisted Dying – Report from the Chief Executive dated 6th November 2017 and a paper from the Chairman.

The Committee agreed by a majority, with Mr Jean dissenting, to support a debate without resolution in the States based on the framework circulated, and agreed to work with Guernsey on a possible common approach to take steps to initiate wider public debate of the matter.

EO/BILLET ITEM

126.2 European Communities (Food and Feed Controls) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2017 – Report from Chief Executive' Office.

The Committee agreed to refer the legislation “The European Communities (Food and Feed Controls) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2017,” for inclusion in the Billet d’Etat for the December meeting of the full States of Alderney for consideration and in the meantime to seek further clarification on why the legislation was needed.

EO/BILLET ITEM

126.3 Armed Forces Legislation – Report from Chief Executive dated 8th November 2017.

The Committee agreed to raise no objection to the Draft Armed Forces (Offences and Jurisdiction) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018, and the Draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Order, 2018 being progressed.

EO

126.4 Governance Review – Report from Chief Executive dated 6th November 2017.

The Committee agreed, by a majority with Messrs. Dean, Roberts, Jean and Snowdon dissenting, to submit the report from the Governance Committee, on the responses to the public consultation, to the States for debate without resolution.

SFA/BILLET ITEM

126.5 Review of Mandates – Report from Chief Executive dated 6th November 2017.

The Committee agreed by a majority with Mr McKinley dissenting and Messrs Barnes and Dent abstaining, not to embark upon a review of the P&F Mandate, but to invite the Committee's sub-groups to review the content of their mandates and report back to the full Committee with any recommendations for consideration.

EO

126.6 Building Relationships with France, Guernsey & Jersey – Report from Chief Executive dated 6th November 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to:

- **Support using all reasonable opportunities for building relationships with key politicians and officials in Jersey, France and Guernsey as outlined in the report; and**
- **Request a written update on the progress achieved after 6 and 12 months.**

126.7 Accommodation Permit – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 30th October 2017.

The Committee approved, with Mr Snowdon abstaining, to accept the surrender of Mr Hodgson's accommodation permit for 2017 to cease trading as a Bed and Breakfast establishment on 30th September 2017 and further to delegate authority future decisions on such applications to the States Treasurer.

EO/TREASURY

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Economy & Renewable Energy

127.1 Economic Strategy – Report and presentation by Director of Business Development dated 6th November 2017.

The Committee noted the presentation, and requested the Director of Business Development to develop an implementation plan in the light of the Committee's discussions.

DBD

127.1 (b) FAB Update – See Confidential Annexure.

127.2 Attendance at Conferences - Report from Mr Snowdon and Chief Executive dated 7th November 2017.

The Committee agreed that a States Member, to be selected in 2018, and the Director of Business Development attend the ICOE 2018 Conference in Cherbourg.

DBD

127.3 ARE – Company Trading Situation – See Confidential Annexure.

127.4 Alderney Tidal Energy – Realising Asset Value – Report from Mr Snowdon and Chief Executive dated 9th November 2017.

The Committee considered the report but made no resolution

127.5 Public Question 12th October 2016 re FABLink and ARE – Report from Mr Snowdon and Chief Executive dated 9th November 2017.

The Committee considered the report but made no resolution.

127.6 Marine Renewable Energy Agreement between Normandy and the Channel Islands – Report from Mr Snowdon and Chief Executive dated 9th November 2017.

The Committee noted the contents of the Framework for Cooperation between West Normandy Marine Energy and Channel Islands Marine Renewable Energy Group.

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Any Other Business

128.1 Drone & Metal Detectors – Report from Mr Snowdon dated 19th October 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the introduction of controls on use of drones and metal detectors until the Director of Business Development had presented proposals for an Island artefacts policy.

DBD

128.2 Ambulance Fees

The Committee acknowledged a concern expressed by Mr Tugby over the proposed transfer charges for non-emergency cases.

128.3 Development of Fort Tourgis

The Committee noted a verbal update from the Chairman of GSC on the renewed interest from a party which had previously proposed to develop Fort Tourgis.

128.4 Armed Forces Covenant

It was agreed that Mr McKinley would review the proposed covenant and report back at a future meeting.

128.5 Access to AED

It was agreed to enquire of the Alderney Ambulance Service about the option for more rapid access for those with the requisite first aid/lifesaving qualifications.

EO

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Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

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

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For Information & Noting**The following reports/letters were noted:-**

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email
- Committee Meeting Dates 2018
- Age Debtors Report
- EDR Summary
- Management Accounts

- **Consultants & Legal Fees Summary**
- **P&F Annual Report**
- **Partnership Law Update**
- **All Party Parliamentary Channel Island Group Update**
- **Child Gambling**
- **Bumblebee Stats 2017**

Meeting closed: 2pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 15th November 2017