

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
12th June 2018
0915hours**

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
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 Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer
to the Chief Executive (EO)
Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer
(TREASURY)
Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Adviser
(SFA)

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

In Attendance: Nigel Lawrence for item 41.3

ACTION

Congratulations offered to Rosemary James for her BEM from the Policy and Finance Committee.

40/2018**Matters Arising****40.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC - The Committee was updated by the Deputy Chairman of BDCC regarding recent policy and open discussions, including an open planning meeting last Thursday – a matter was referred to Guernsey because the Committee was inquorate for this item.

GSC – The Committee was updated by the Chairman of GSC on various matters including: the Breakwater and visit by SoG – repairs underway and dive contract started but sonar survey has not received funding and is not proceeding; asbestos and electrical surveys for Fort Grosnez; New Connaught extension is progressing with plans – architect appointed; Nunnery is close to being finished. First guests arrive July for archaeological visit; John Horton negotiating with BBC One Show and Zeiss; report on whole project to be prepared for learning points. GSC will be taking the school house back for re-letting.

It was resolved to send a letter from the Chairman of P&F setting out SoA concerns about progress with surveying the Breakwater.

Finance – met on 21 May and decided on various grants. An update on the swimming pool was received. AHA conversion from overdraft to loan requires a business case. Lease on Alderney Broadcasting company lease was agreed at same rate. The financial relationship was reviewed and a paper is to go to P&F.

Tourism – The Committee noted an update from the Tourism lead on various matters including the view from the lead representative about the need for connections to the work of other committees.

ALG – No meeting since last P&F.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted an update on matters to be discussed in the Guernsey States. Education meeting will take place tomorrow.

40.2 External Relationships

A number of matters coming up. APPCIG was to meet next week but is being rearranged for the following week. Invited to the British Irish Council. Invited to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association AGM. MoU meeting with Aurigny in 2 weeks to pick up on key issues.

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Transport

41.1 Air Transport Update

The decision to refuse the Waves licence applications was noted.

Air Transport Action Group will consider the Review of the Air Transport Licensing by the States of Guernsey. The implications of the CfED decision was discussed.

41.2 Alderney Runway Rehabilitation

Project Board meeting tomorrow to look at additional work done over the last six months. No firm timetable in place or even agreement about the solution. The patching-up option may have to happen anyway and this remains a high risk to Alderney. The liability remains with the States of Guernsey.

Concerns were expressed about the safety of the runway and the urgent requirement for the States of Guernsey to progress with the project. A fit-for-purpose runway is an urgent priority.

Aviation security will be the subject of consultation with the States of Alderney.

41.3 Ferry Proposal – Report from Chief Executive dated 6th June 2018 tabled and noted. It was suggested that the fares proposed would demonstrate whether there is demand and a summer service would help with resilience. Marketing of the service would be critical.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to approve an offer to support a summer ferry service over an 11 week period at a subsidy of £500 per rotation and a maximum subsidy cost of £77,000 with appropriate provisions to ensure that full data about passenger use and profitability is shared with the States of Alderney.

SA

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Legislation, Conventions & Policy

42.1 Governance – Report from James Dent dated 6th June 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve:

- **The promotion of an island-wide discussion regarding effective Government for a sustainable economic future (Mr Tugby against); and**
- **The appointment of a five person action group (two Politicians, one Civil Servant and one lay outsider and one representative of the Chamber of Commerce) to make recommendations in regard to the proper process was deferred pending names and CV's to be provided for the next meeting.**

JD

42.2 Customs, Duties & Associated Powers (Brexit) – Email from CE Office dated 7th June 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the letter from the Chairman dated 8th June 2018 in response to the letter from Deputy Lowe dated 14th May 2018.

42.3 Appointment of States Member to Sit on Marine Forum

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to appoint Mr McKinley to sit on the Marine Forum by four votes to three.

SA

42.4 Election Dates 2018 – Report from Chief Executive’s Office dated 22nd May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to approve the proposed schedule and for this item to be placed on the Billet d’Etat for formal approval by the full States.

BILLET ITEM

42.5 Code of Conduct Panel – Report from Chief Executive’s Office dated 22nd May 2018 tabled and noted. It was suggested that there should be a choice presented to the States rather than a single nomination.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved by 5 votes for, 1 against and 2 abstentions (Mr Jean against and Mr Dean & Mr Dent abstained) to approve the proposal from the President to appoint Mr Peter Allen as a member of the Code of Conduct Review Panel, and for the decision to be ratified at the next States Meeting.

BILLET ITEM

42.6 Major Projects of Strategic Importance – Statutory Guidance – CONFIDENTIAL – See Confidential Annexure.

42.7 Financial Relationship Update – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 6th June 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to note the above report and agreed to:

- **Place a resolution before the States to formally approve implementation of a new Property Tax from 2020 and instruct the Law Officers accordingly; and**
- **That the Chief Executive and States Treasurer should liaise with the States of Guernsey Treasurer to assess options to consider in respect of future management of AGCC surpluses beyond 2020.**

TREASURY/CE/SFA

42.8 Water Board – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

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Economy & Renewable Energy

43.1 Alderney Business Development Update – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – Report from Director of Business Development dated 8th May 2018 tabled and noted.

43.2 ACRE Update

**An update from ACRE was received and noted.
It was noted that Phase 1 of the Energy Strategy will come to the next P&F.**

- 44/2018 Any Other Business**
Road Traffic Alderney (Brexit) – ratification of the Vienna convention. Alderney will seek an exemption.
- 45/2018 Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation**
The above draft resolutions were confirmed by the Committee as being a correct record of the decisions arising from the meeting.
- 46/2018 For Information & Noting**
- The following reports/letters were noted:-**
- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email
 - EDR Summary
 - Pension Trustees Minutes - CONFIDENTIAL
- 47/2018 Items Scheduled for Future Meetings**

Meeting closed: 12.20pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 13th June 2018