

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
11th September 2018
0900hours**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, States
Treasurer (TREASURY)
Mr C Brock, Director of Business
Development (DBD) (for Items 1-5)
Mr Paul Veron (for Transport items)
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer
to the Chief Executive (EO)

Apologies: Mr A Barnes, Mr L Jean;

In Attendance: Mr Jon McLellan, Law Officer and Chris Morris for 64/2018; Mr Colin Le Ray via conference call for 65/2018; Yousof Khan, Law Officer for 66/2018; Mr William Tate, Member of GAG for 69.1.

ACTION**64/2018****Brexit Update**

Chris Morris reported on readiness planning for a 'No Brexit deal' situation together with future economic partnerships and implications for Crown Dependencies. Free trade and security are important principles for the UK. A common rulebook for agri-food and manufactured goods is being sought. Goods, energy and transport are key emergency issues if there is 'no deal'.

Jon McLellan talked through the range of Brexit legislation which is under preparation.

64.1 Bailiwick Wide Sanctions Project – Briefing Note noted.

64.2 Brexit Law SI Protocol – Report noted.

64.3 Customers & Cross-Border Trade Law 2018 – previously circulated via email.

65/2018**Airport Rehabilitation Update**

An update on the temporary resurfacing of the runway and on the rehabilitation of the runway was given by Colin Le Ray, who would be on Alderney on Friday and available to meet with States members in the afternoon at the airport.

66/2018**Fort Tourgis Update – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure****67/2018****Matters Arising****67.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC – The Open Planning Meeting and a policy meeting have been held since the last P&F Meeting. A court summons for 29 November has been received regarding conditions on a planning consent.

GSC – The Butes centre trust has been dissolved and the building is back under the SoA control. The sonar survey press coverage was inaccurate as Guernsey are paying for the Breakwater element. Road surfacing and water board work is underway. Further work is required on the Braye Common Car Park following the temporary arrangements introduced for the summer.

Finance – Committee met to finalise the P&F Budget. The importance of the way in which the stamp and coin royalty revenue stream is managed was emphasised.

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.

67.2 External Relations

In October there will be an opportunity to engage with the UK Parliament at the APPCIG. A Bailiwick Council Meeting is scheduled.

It was resolved to invite Jersey fisheries contact, Greg Morrell, to an informal meeting with members of P&F and GSC and the Marine Forum.

Arrangements for the visit of Lord Keen were discussed.

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Transport

68.1 Air Transport Issues – Report from Chief Executive covering Airport Runway rehabilitation, the PSO, Medevac and Airport terminal dated 5th September 2018 tabled and noted.

68.2 Ferry Update – Report from Chief Executive dated 5th September 2018 tabled and noted. Additional report from Alex Snowdon also tabled.

The Policy & Finance Committee noted the Chief Executive's report and the positive response to the ferry. A full report on the ferry impact will be brought to P&F in October.

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Legislation, Conventions & Policy

69.1 Good Governance Group Report – Report from Governance Action Group dated 24th August tabled and noted.

69.2 Review of the 1948 Agreement – Correspondence with Policy & Resources Committee tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee discussed and noted the exchange of letters prior to the debate scheduled for the next States meeting.

69.3 Government During Pre-Election – Report from Chief Executive dated 27th August 2018.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved by four votes to three not to approve the 15th October as the date when the purdah period begins and not to endorse the purdah guidance set out in the report. (Mr Snowdon, Mr Dean, Mr Tugby, Mr Roberts against the proposals; Mr Dent, Mrs Paris, Mr McKinley for).

69.4 Montenegro Extension of UK Agreement & Maldives Sanction – For Ratification

- Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 22nd August 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee ratified the approval for the Ordinance to be prepared by the Law Officers Chambers and for this matter to be included on the Billet for the meeting of the States.

69.5 Antarctic Act Regulations – For Ratification – Report tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee ratified the approval of the draft Order in Council (The Antarctic Act 1994 (Guernsey) (Amendment) Order 2018) and the draft Regulations (The Antarctic (Guernsey) (Amendment) Regulations 2018).

69.6 Alderney eGambling (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance, 2018 – For Ratification – Ordinance tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee ratified the approval of the draft Alderney eGambling (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance, 2018 and to bring it to the States.

69.7 Non UK Members as Auditors – Extension Request – Report from Chief Executive dated 23rd August 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to:

- **Authorise that named non UK members of Deloitte NEW can act as auditors of Alderney companies for a period of 12 months from 13th September 2018; and**
- **Instruct the Law Officers to amend Section 78 (1) (b) of the Companies (Alderney) Law 1994 to provide for suitability qualified EEA auditors to act as auditors of Alderney companies.**

69.8 Non Profit Organisations – Report tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed unanimously to defer the decision and invite Richard Walker to address the Committee.

69.9 Economic Development & Tourism Action Group – Report from James Dent dated 5th September 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to confirm Mr Birmingham, Mr Dean and Mr Snowdon as the States Members of the Economic Development & Tourism Action Group.

69.10 Swimming Pool – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure

69.11 Testing Autonomous Minibuses – Report from Chief Executive dated 22nd August 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to support this initiative in principle, subject to the manufacturer's and company's compliance with the Road Traffic Legislation in force on the island, and to further information to be supplied with regards the business model and the route.

69.12 Electoral & Governance Information – Reports from the President tabled and noted.

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Economy & Renewable Energy

70.1 ACRE Update

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed unanimously to note a verbal update from the Chairman of ACRE and the current position in relation to the litigation between ACRE and ARE.

70.2 Release of Land Option – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure

70.3 Renewable Energy Conference Update

The Policy & Finance Committee deferred the verbal update from Alex Snowdon to the October meeting.

71/2018**Any Other Business****71.1 Education – Maths Teacher**

Concern was expressed about the need for a full time maths teacher. Mr Snowdon to write to Deputy Fallaize.

AS

71.2 Investing in Young People

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to write a letter of thanks to the Alderney Sports Foundation and the Guernsey Sports Commission.

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71.3 Sure Fast Internet – Request for Report on Level of Service

Sure have some technical issues and there are concerns being expressed around the Island about low bandwidth.

The Policy and Finance Committee resolved unanimously to ask Mr Brock to meet with Sure and report to next P&F Committee.

Other Matters raised under Any Other Business included:

Mr Tugby noted that two classes have been joined together with quite a large age range.

Mr McKinley raised the Wilson Report which is on the States of Guernsey website.

Mr Dean raised the issue of substitution at Guernsey States meeting. Would observation of a SoG meeting be possible?

Mr McKinley raised the issue of Marina Development at GSC.

72/2018**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.

73/2018**For Information & Noting****The following reports/letters were noted:-**

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email
- Management Accounts – July 2018
- Pension Trustees Minutes – July 2018
- Legal Aid (Guernsey & Alderney) (Schemes and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance, 2018
- Organ Donation
- Double Taxation

74/2018**Items Scheduled for Future Meetings**

- Nunnery Review
- Communications Engagement & Media Policy

Meeting closed: 4pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 12th September 2018