

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
ANNE FRENCH ROOM  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2019  
0915 hours**

**PRESENT:**

Mr J Dent, Chairman  
Mr C Harris  
Mr S Roberts  
Mr G McKinley  
Mr M Dean  
Mr A Snowdon  
Mr L Jean  
Mr K Gentle  
Mr D Earl  
Ms A Burgess

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)  
Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance  
(TREASURY)  
Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer  
to the Chief Executive (EO);  
Mr Stephen Taylor, Strategic Financial  
Advisor (SFA)

Apologies: Ms A Burgess; Mr C Harris; Mr P Veron, Strategic Adviser (SA);

**ACTION****77/2019****Matters Arising****77.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives****BDCC – nothing to report**

**GSC** – The future use of Telegraph Tower to be determined through a small working party. A condition survey indicates the work required to bring the building to a good state of repair. A policy around the Environmental Monitoring and licensing of ringing and tagging of birds has been agreed. Further work is taking place to clear Fort Grosnez and return it to the States in due course. A report is to be prepared by the CEO on how the situation around the Belle Vue materialised.

**Finance** – Meeting rescheduled to next week.

**Alderney Representatives in the States of Guernsey** – It was reported that once again Deputy Trott criticised Alderney re cost of Southampton route quoting unsubstantiated and unverifiable figures; Other matters dealt with included the TRP ordinance and Green Finance.

**CTED** – A report will be made to the next meeting,. It was noted that 1100 households can now access Superfast Broadband.

**69.2 External Relations**

APPCIG next meeting is rescheduled to February.  
The Bailiwick Council meeting takes place on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**78/2019****Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance**

**78.1 Alderney Property Tax** – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to note the draft legislation; and request regular progress updates on implementation of all changes from States Treasury during 2020.**

SFA

**78.2 Proposed Changes to Fuel Duty & Document Duty** – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved by a majority (Mr Jean against) to note the progress on the review of financial relationships in respect of document duty and fuel duty and agree that:**

- **The Civil Service continues to work with Law Officers and Guernsey Treasury and Resources to agree the necessary legislative and administrative changes to enable setting of Document Duty and Fuel Duty rates in Alderney and retention of revenues from 2021; and**
- **Further update reports to be received when decisions are required by Committee or the States.**

SFA

**78.3 Capacity** – Report from Chief Executive dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to support the proposed Projet de Loi.**

CE

**78.4 Confidential Item** – See Confidential Annexure

**78.5 Brexit Legislation** – Letter from Deputy St Pier dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to note the Letter.**

**78.6 AHA Rent Increase** – Letter from AHA dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the rental increase for 2020 by September 2019 RPIX.**

**78.7 Vision Workshop** – Report from Chief Executive dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to hold its Vision Workshop on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 10.15.**

CE

**78.8 CPA Small Branches Sustainable Economic Development Workshop, Malta** – Report from Chairman of Policy & Finance dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved that Alderney should nominate and fund the travel costs for two delegates – Mr Earl and Ms Burgess (Mr Dent as an alternative if either cannot attend).**

**78.9 Political Engagement with the Public** – Report from Chairman of Policy & Finance dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously that, from the date of this meeting onwards:**

- **Following the application from one of the Committee Chairs or any two States Members, the Island Hall will be made available for public meetings and that the normal fee for its use will be waived; and**

- **The States will advertise the meeting in a manner similar to the way that the States currently advertises People's Meetings.**

**78.10 Confidential Item – See Confidential Annexure**

**78.11 Occupiers Rates** – Report from Treasury dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve (Mr Jean against) the draft legislation entitled 'The Occupier's Rate (Level for 2020) Ordinance, 2019' and to further agree to submit the Ordinance for approval at the December States Meeting (To be proposed by Mr Dent and Mr Earl to second).**

**TREASURY/BILLET ITEM**

**78.12 Policy & Finance Annual Report** – Report from Chairman tabled and noted.

**78.13 Review of the 1948 Agreement – Presentation on Possible Terms of Reference** – Presentation tabled and noted. **The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to request the CEO to draft a letter regarding the terms of reference for the 1948 Agreement Review and to circulate for agreement to members of the Policy & Finance Committee before sending to the President of the Policy & Resources Committee.**

**78.14 Alderney Household Income Report** – Report from Director of Business Development tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the Household Income Report.**

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**Transport**

**79.1 Air Transport Update - See Confidential Annexure**

**79.2 Manche Iles Additional Service Information** – Report from Director of Business Development tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to ratify the recommendation from STAG to support an extra seven sailings offered by Manche Iles Express during 2020 and that the maximum subsidy should not exceed £10,000.**

**DoBD**

**79.3 AEL - The Policy & Resources approved (Mr Gentle and Mr Jean declared a conflict of interest and abstained) the transfer of shares to the daughter of the deceased person.**

**80/2019**

**Economy & Renewable Energy**

Nothing to report.

**81/2019**

**Any Other Business**

**Employment Permits** – information to be provided

**Sea Travel** – Nick Saul has visited and met with Mr Jean. He has been commissioned by the States of Guernsey to look at options to improve sea links.

**Wildlife** – Progress on Wildlife Protection legislation was discussed.

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**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.**

**83/2019**

**For Information & Noting**

**The following reports/letters were noted:-**

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email
- EDR Report
- AHA Management Accounts – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Committee Meeting Dates V1 - 2020

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**Items Scheduled for Future Meetings**

**Meeting closed: 12.45pm**

**Signed: James Dent**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**