

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Court Committee Room**  
**20<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**0915 hours**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)  
 Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance  
 (TREASURY)  
 Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer  
 to the Chief Executive (EO);  
 Mr Stephen Taylor, Strategic Financial  
 Advisor (SFA)  
 Mr C Brock, Director of Business  
 Development (DoBD)  
 Ms S Ireland, Programme Manager

Apologies: Mr C Harris

Guests: David Hart, Clarity Economic Consulting for item 09/2020

**ACTION**

- 09/2020**      **Transport** – See Confidential Annexure for all items below.  
**9.1 Air Transport**  
**9.2 Passenger Exit Survey**  
**9.3 Southampton Link – Assessment of Importance**  
**9.4 Withdrawal of the Southampton Link – Impact Assessment (Clarity Economic Consulting)**
- 10/2020**      **Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance**  
**10.1 Ambulance Service Options** – See Confidential Annexure
- 10.2 External Audit Contract** – Report from States Treasury dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 tabled and noted.  
**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to:**
- **Note the proposed process and timetable agreed by Finance Committee; and**
  - **Agreed that the Finance Committee should manage the contract process with States Treasury and bring a recommendation to this Committee at a future date.**
- TREASURY**
- 10.3 Finance Committee Mandate** – tabled and noted.  
**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to approve the Finance Committee mandate as amended.**
- TREASURY**
- 10.4 Economic Development Reserve Fund** – Reports from Strategic Adviser and Director of Business Development tabled and noted.  
**Transport Strategy**

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to:**

- **Note the current overspend on the Transport Strategy Advice of just under £8,000; and**
- **Vote for a further top up to the vote within the EDF of another £22,000 (i.e. making a total top up of £30,000 in total).**

**SA**

**Fort Tourgis – Due Diligence/consultancy – See Confidential Annexure**

**10.5 Alderney Housing Association – Residential Eligibility** – Report from Chief Executive dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved (Mr Jean voted against) to recommend a change to the Alderney Housing Association in the short term so that the current policy on residential eligibility for social housing would change to “Anyone who has been resident in Alderney for the last five years or has lived in Alderney for fifteen years consecutively at any time (where time away for education and armed forces service counts towards residence)”**

**And**

**To approve a full review of allocation policies for social housing to be undertaken with the AHA and brought to the States of Alderney for a decision.**

**CE**

**10.6 States in Committee**

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to request a meeting with the President to discuss the States in Committee meetings and their future now that the three month trial without meetings has been completed.**

**10.7 Revision of Laws Project** – Report from Chief Executive dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the update regarding the first phase of the Revision of Laws Project.**

**CE OFFICE**

**10.8 Plastic Working Group Update** – Report from Ms Burgess dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 tabled and noted.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to agree to the recommendation of the working group that a ban on the sale and distribution of single use plastic carrier bags is introduced in Alderney and to recommend to the States of Alderney the approval of a Projet de Loi to that effect. JD/AB**

**EDA/BILLET ITEM**

**11/2020**

**Economy & Renewable Energy**

**11.2 Connaught Extension Phase 2** – Report from Mr Gentle dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 tabled and noted. Mr Jean declared a pecuniary interest and took no part in the discussion or vote.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve and recommend to the full States funds of:**

- **£400,000 for delivery of Phase 2 Substructure & Grounds of the Connaught Extension Project; and**

- **£1.29 million for the delivery of Phase 3 of the project on completion of Phase 2 to provide for additional resident accommodation within an extension to the Connaught Care Home.**
- **To request that the Chairman writes to the President to include the above on the Billet D'Etat for the States meeting in March 2020; and**
- **To request that the Chairman prepares a letter with summary business case for consideration and approval by the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee at the same time.**

**CHAIRMAN/BILLET ITEM**

**12/2020**

**Matters Arising**

**12.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

**BDCC** – BDCC meeting last Thursday

**GSC** – Next meeting Tuesday next week. Harbour survey may be followed by a meeting with stakeholders.

**Finance** – no matters to bring to P&F at this stage

**Alderney Representatives in the States of Guernsey** – A request was made that Policy & Finance should ask the Alderney Representatives to support the ESCC in the States of Deliberation debate about the future of education. P&F resolved unanimously to do so. Potential for questions to President of STSB at the next States meeting.

**CTED** – Mr Earl is now Chairman of the TED Committee; The Chamber of Commerce letter has had a response and Mr Earl has met with them. The Blonde Hedgehog has been awarded five stars. Ms Burgess expressed her disappointment about the way some States Members responded to the Chamber of Commerce without consulting the Committee members responsible.

**12.2 External Relations**

APPCIG meeting – a concern was expressed that the States of Guernsey appeared to seek advance notice of what the States of Alderney representatives might be presenting to the Meeting.

Future Partnership Delivery Group (now Future Relationship Delivery Group) Mr Dent attended via telephone conference. A concern was expressed that Channel Islands needs are not being fully taken into account in the UK.

**13/2020**

**Any Other Business**

A decision to turn down change from commercial to residential has raised issues about the TRP level. A request was made to look at options for the future Single Property Tax.

CRE letter – no response has been received from the French Regulator.

**14/2020**

**Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation**

**The above draft resolutions were confirmed by members post meeting and by email.**

**15/2020**

**For Information & Noting**

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

- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
- **Letter from Deputy St Pier re Brexit Legislation**

- **Consultation on Draft Marriage (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2020 – as circulated by email**

**16/2020**      **Items Scheduled for Future Meetings**

**Meeting closed: 1.45pm**

**Signed: James Dent**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**