



States of Alderney
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DELIBERATIONS

WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2021

STATES OF ALDERNEY
DELIBERATIONS
FOR THE STATES MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 1430HRS

Present: Mr William Tate, President
Mr Bill Abel
Ms Annie Burgess
Mr Ian Carter
Mr Kevin Gentle
Mr Christian Harris
Mr Boyd Kelly
Mr Graham McKinley, OBE
Mr Steve Roberts
Mr Alex Snowdon

His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, of the Bailiwick of Guernsey was in attendance.

Lieutenant G T Workman RN (Rtd), Representative of His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, was also in attendance.

Apologies were received from Mr Rhys Jenkins.

The President welcomed His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Corder to the meeting.

Emergency Powers Legislation:-

Item I **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.8) Regulations, 2021**

Item II **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (No.8) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2021**

Item III **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.9) Regulations, 2021**

Item IV **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.9) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021**

- Item V** **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.9) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2021**
- Item VI** **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (No.9) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2021**
- Item VII** **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.10) Regulations, 2021**
- Item VIII** **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.10) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021**
- Item IX** **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (No.10) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2021**
- Item X** **Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.11) Regulations, 2021**

The above items, I to X, were taken in three separate votes:-

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul Items I, III, IV, V, VII and VIII

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul Items II, VI and IX

The States of Alderney resolved not to annul Item X

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel

Seconded by Mr Alex Snowdon

All items were approved unanimously

Item XI **The Human Rights (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2000 – Amendment of Legislation**

The States of Alderney resolved that after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled “The Human Rights (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2000 – amendment of legislation” dated 4th August, 2021 from the States of Guernsey Policy and Resources Committee, they are of the opinion:-

1. To agree to amend section 9(2) of the Human Rights (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2000, to enable a court to award compensation to a person in respect of a judicial act done in good faith, in the circumstances set out in paragraph 2.5 of that Policy Letter;

and

2. To agree the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decision.

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel

Seconded by Mr Alex Snowdon

Approved unanimously

Item XII **Budgets for 2022 and Revised Budget 2021**

After consideration of the Budget Report, the States of Alderney resolved to:-

- a) **Note the States of Alderney Revenue and Capital Budgets and Revised Budgets for 2021**
- b) **As per the Budget Strategy note that Fuel Duty will be kept consistent with the States of Guernsey for 2022**
- c) **Note that Document Duty will be maintained at existing levels for 2022**
- d) **Note the Reserve Strategy as detailed on page 5 of the Budget Report**
- e) **Approve an increase of June 2021 RPIX (2.3%) on all Alderney Property Tax tariffs for the year of charge 2022**
- f) **Approve the States of Alderney Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2022.**
- g) **Note the States of Alderney Water Board Revenue and Capital Revised Budgets for 2021**
- h) **Note that the Water Rates for 2022 will be maintained at 2021 rates of charge**
- i) **Approve the States of Alderney Water Board Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2022**

Proposed by Mr Bill Abel
Seconded by Mr Christian Harris
Approved unanimously

Item XIII **Questions and Reports**

Questions

The following Questions were received:-

Questions received from Mr Snowdon for the Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee:-

1. Could the Chairman outline Alderney's support for the 'Aurigny strategy 2021-2025', also do we know when the feasibility study will be concluded and public engagement?
2. Should the States of Alderney be reviewing ACRE's role and new mandate for the regulator?
3. The President of Guernsey's Committee for Environment & Infrastructure has recently highlighted being keen to talk with Alderney over energy strategies, should the Channel Islands be working together on securing renewable energies?
4. Following the 'Civil Service Reform' in Guernsey, is Alderney taking the same steps?

Question received from Mr Snowdon for the Chairman of General Services Committee:-

Can the Chairman outline progress with the Harbour Management Review and Harbour Plan, will members of the public be able to feed into the review and plan?

Questions received from Mr Roberts for the Chairman of General Services Committee:-

1. Will the chairman explain why the crane remains exposed on the quay when it could be stored by the shed as repeated requests still remain ignored?
2. At the recent fishing competition access was promised to visiting anglers. Banned in the name of health and safety. Was extra insurance taken in case of an incident, or is that already in place?

3. Can the chairman of GSC explain the lack of action on the recent blocking of an ancient right of way to States land and why does he continuously fail to forward this important issue and take the lead as Chairman's as I do not agree he is conflicted?

Questions received from Mr Roberts for the Chairman of Building and Development Control Committee:-

1. Could the chairman of BDCC please give an update on progress of the agricultural catering school, an economic enabler for Alderney?
2. Could the Chairman please advise was planning permission granted for the Harbour gates, when and what date it was given please?
3. Can the Chairman please assure every effort will be made to retain Whitegates as a social housing zone?

Response to the questions above were given verbally and will be available in due course on the Hansard Report for this meeting.

Reports

The report entitled "Island Planning Group Report" was introduced by Mr Carter

The President reminded the Members that under Rule 19.3 of the Rules of Procedure they were permitted to "offer a personal opinion on the report and may ask a question relating to the content of that report".

Before the meeting ended the President paid tribute to Lieutenant Geoff Workman, who had been a Representative of His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor since January 2013. This meeting would be Mr Workman's final appearance in court in this role and the President thanked him for his valuable contribution to this voluntary role and wished him a happy and healthy retirement.

The President then went on to say that this was His Excellency's last meeting and final visit to the island as Lieutenant-Governor because he was leaving his post in November 2021 and returning to live in England with Lady Corder. The President thanked His Excellency on behalf of the States and community of Alderney for his interest and unwavering support of the island over the past five years. He added that His Excellency and Lady Corder would be sorely missed.

His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, of the Bailiwick of Guernsey then gave a speech echoing The President's thanks to Lieutenant Geoff Workman for carrying out the role as His Excellency's Representative in the States of Alderney for the past nine years. He then thanked the States and Community of Alderney for their warm welcome and support during his tenure as Lieutenant-Governor.

Meeting closed: 1656 hrs