

Special General Services Committee Meeting
Tuesday 18th January 2022
Microsoft Teams
1100 hours

Present:

Mr B Kelly, Chairman
Ms A Burgess
Mr G McKinley
Mr R Jenkins
Mr S Roberts

In Attendance:

Ms K Jones, Chief Executive (CE)
Mr W Tate, President
Mrs S Pengilly Price, Head of Government Support (HoGS)
Mrs E Maurice, Head of Finance (TREASURY)
Ms S Ireland, Programme Manager (PM)
Mr R Phelan, Estates, Environment & Infrastructure Manager (EEIM)
Mrs C Hanlon-Horton, Committee Secretary
Mr D Llewellyn, Strategic Adviser
Mr C Harris
Mr K Gentle
Mr I Carter
Mr W Abel
Mr A Snowden

Apologies: Mrs K Hatcher-Gaudion, Capital Projects Co-ordinator (CPC)

Ambulance Review – Discussion and Approval of Recommendations

This is an extract from the GSC meeting which is being published ahead of the other agenda items to allow for early publication of this item.

Report from Derek Llewellyn, Strategic Adviser dated 13th January 2022 tabled and considered.

The key points of the update were:

- 1) A regular weekly meeting was established between the Clinical Support Officer, Al McLean and the Strategic Adviser, Derek Llewellyn, to discuss ways forward in response to the recommendations.
- 2) The Strategic Adviser has established regular lines of communication with Paul Durston of Boardman's Pharmacy who has confirmed his support and commitment to the development of an SLA to provide pharmaceutical directorship, and with Dr Sally Simmonds and IML/IMC owners Gordon and Chris Fitton, who have confirmed their support and commitment to the development of an SLA to provide medical directorship. The Strategic Adviser has secured the support of these agencies to the Ambulance Service's future governance model.
- 3) The Strategic Adviser has established regular lines of communication with St John's Ambulance Guernsey (SJAG), who are currently aiding us in our design of the service, governance, compliance and temporary staffing to allow Al McLean to take much needed leave.

- 4) The Strategic Adviser has established regular lines of communication with the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, who have been instrumental in assisting us to source prospective additional personnel.

The Committee thanked the Strategic Adviser for his thorough and extensive work on addressing the recommendations from the review.

Members of the Civil Service, the President of the States of Alderney and all other States members not on GSC were invited to join the meeting to debate and discuss the Ambulance. Views were welcomed from all elected members, but they were advised that they would be unable to vote on any recommendations.

The Chairman gave a brief history of the Ambulance Service on the island over the past five years for the benefit of members of the States of Alderney who were present but had no previous dealings with the Ambulance Service.

Members discussed if the General Services Committee should approach the current paramedic and ask if he will reconsider his position regarding his resignation.

Members discussed investigating any other financing models available or if there should be a tax increase to cover the ambulance costs or pursue subscription fees and to communicate with the community on this subject.

All members present agreed that Alderney needs a long term fit for purpose ambulance service which is cost effective for Alderney residents.

The seven recommendations that were discussed at the General Services Committee meeting on 24th November 2021 were referred to with the two main recommendations being to arrange suitable medical and pharmaceutical governance and to provide two paramedics. There has been support from St Johns Ambulance Guernsey who were going to offer cover. In addition, agreement in principle had been reached with the Island's Chemist regarding governance and negotiations are in hand with the Island Medical Centre.

Following assistance from the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, a number of expressions of interests had been received from Paramedics in the UK for undertaking a six month secondment. At present there are 6 interested parties and the respective candidates are beginning to visit Alderney week ending 28th January 2022.

The General Services Committee unanimously resolved to approve additional revenue expenditure of up to £50,000 over the course of 2022 to cover the upgrading of the Ambulance Service to provide temporary paramedic support to the existing volunteer base.

Meeting Closed: 1156

Signed: Boyd Kelly

Date: 18th January 2022