

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**ANNE FRENCH ROOM**  
**16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**14:30**

Mr C Harris, Chairman  
Mr B Abel  
Ms A Burgess  
Mr I Carter  
Mr K Gentle

Mrs E A Maurice, Head of Finance/ Treasurer (HOF)  
Mrs E O'Toole, Finance Manager/Minutes (FM/Treasury)  
Ms K Jones, Chief Executive (CE)

In attendance: Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor (SFA) via MS Teams

**22/2022**

**Matters Arising**

**22.1 Minutes & confidential annexure from the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 & minutes of the special meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022** tabled and confirmed.

**22.2 Planning Issue – Confidential item** – see confidential annexure.

**23/2022**

**Revenue Account**

**23.1 Management Accounts Summary - April 2022** tabled and noted. The HOF gave a brief update on notable variances on the accounts and advised that meetings with budget holders will be held later this week for further work on the projected outcome for the year. **Noted**

**23.2 Major Income Monitoring Report** as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 tabled and noted.

**23.3 Ambulance Service Review - Increase in Resource** – see confidential annexure.

**24/2022**

**Capital & Reserves**

**24.1 Banquage Freeholds - Confidential item** – see confidential annexure.

**24.2 Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewer project/Sewerage Law paper** Paper from Treasury & Mouriaux to Platte Saline Project Board dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 tabled and considered.

The HOF advised that the Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewer project has appeared on the capital projects priority list for several years. Phase 1, relating to the laying of the main sewer pipes along the Petit Val (in conjunction with Water Board works), was completed and the project closed in 2019. Phase 2 of the works comprises connecting the individual properties in this area to the main sewer lines together with the provision of a pumping station. This phase of the works is progressing well, with the project board in the process of finalising costings and is recommending that as this is a stand-alone element, and not directly dependent on the future phases 3 to 5, that in order to accelerate the overall project Phase 2 should be treated and costed as a separate project.

The HOF further advised that the Sewerage Law has been in place for decades and was initially designed to collect a fee from new build properties on connection to the public sewer in order to contribute to its maintenance. The current categories and charges are listed on the next page (which have not been updated since 2010). Income is treated as

capital income due to its sporadic nature as it cannot be relied upon as a revenue income stream in any given year. **Noted**

When the Mouriaux to Platte Saline project was initially discussed PFC agreed that the Law should be amended to exempt the charge for these properties (approx 100) being asked to change to main drains under the States scheme, as it wanted to encourage as many properties as possible to join the scheme due to the high capital outlay. Once these large areas have been added to the main drainage system there will only be a few properties at the eastern end of the Island who are not on main drainage. GSC has recently reaffirmed the policy that as many properties as possible should be encouraged to connect. The Project Board have however recommended that the Law is repealed in its entirety as it no longer serves its original purpose. **Noted**

**The Committee is agreed to:-**

- a) **note the update on the Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewer project**
- b) **approve that Phase 2 is to be treated as a stand-alone phase for funding purposes, in order to accelerate the project, and**
- c) **to recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee the repealing of the Sewerage (Alderney) Law in its entirety, for ultimate consideration by the full States of Alderney.**

**PFC/BILLET**

**25/2022**

**Delegated Items – Grants**

**25.1 Cloth Nappy Incentive - referral from GSC** paper dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 tabled and considered.

The Committee noted that an enquiry was received from a member of the public with regards to a Cloth Nappy Incentive being offered by the States of Alderney. This was discussed by the General Services Committee (GSC) at their meeting in April where it was agreed to refer to Finance Committee to review if this is something that could be supported.

It was noted that a similar scheme is being offered in Guernsey, by Guernsey Waste with funds coming from their recycling scheme. **Noted**

The HOF advised that there is currently £15k in the 2022 budget for Environmental Grants therefore should Members wish to support a similar initiative, this could be an appropriate use of this funding.

**The Committee agreed to:-**

- a) **support a Cloth Nappy Incentive scheme, and**
- b) **authorise Treasury to put in place processes for reimbursement from the scheme to be funded from Environmental Grants budget.**

**TREASURY**

**25.2 Summary of Grants 2022 to date** tabled and noted.

**26/2022**

**Delegated Items – Coins**

**26.1 Coin Issue for approval** – see confidential annexure.

**26.2 Coin Issue for approval** – see confidential annexure.

**26.3 Commemorative Coin Contract – verbal update** – see confidential annexure.

**27/2022**

**Delegated Items – Stamps**

**27.1 Stamp Issue for noting** – see confidential annexure.

28/2022

**Economic Development Reserve**

**28.1 EDR Summary & Projects update - April 2022** tabled and noted.

The Committee noted that the meeting between the Chief Executive, Treasury and the Chair of Economic Development Committee to review the fund will be held later this month. **Noted**

See confidential annexure.

Transport Strategy Advice – Treasury was requested to obtain more information on the minor expenditure to date from the Strategic Advisor, Mr Paul Veron.

**TREASURY**

29/2022

**AOB**

**29.1 Lease referrals from GSC** The HOF advised that two referrals from April GSC meeting were received late on the 13<sup>th</sup> May however additional information has been requested on the referrals in order for an informed decision to be made.

Agreed to consider these referrals by email with any decisions reached to be ratified at the next meeting of the Committee.

**EMAIL CONSIDERATION/TREASURY**

**29.2 Income support** The Committee discussed the cost-of-living increases, fuel increases etc. and how the States may be able to assist. Noted that this will be discussed at the next PFC meeting however the Committee agreed to draft a letter to the States of Guernsey.

**TREASURY**

30/2022

**For information & noting**

- **Price Paid Data Q1 2022**

**Meeting closed: 15:50pm**

**Signed: Mr I Carter, Deputy Chairman**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022**