



States of Alderney  
Office of the President

# **DELIBERATIONS**

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WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

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**STATES OF ALDERNEY**  
**DELIBERATIONS**  
**FOR THE STATES MEETING**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT 1430HRS**

Present: Mr William Tate, President  
Mr Bill Abel  
Mr Ian Carter  
Mr Kevin Gentle  
Mr Christian Harris  
Mr Boyd Kelly  
Mrs Lin Maurice  
Mr Graham McKinley OBE  
Mr Alex Snowdon

Apologies were received from:

Mr Steve Roberts  
Ms Annie Burgess

His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, Lieutenant General Cripwell was in attendance.

The President, Mr William Tate, welcomed His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, Lieutenant General Cripwell to the meeting. He also welcomed States Member Mrs Lin Maurice to her first meeting since being elected at the recent by-election.

**Item I**      **Chief Pleas**

**Chief Pleas were received from:-**

- Mr James Dent entitled "Alderney's Ageing Population, Some Observations on the Impact of this on Care for the Vulnerable and Some Consequent Requests for Rapid Action"
- Mr Nigel Dupont concerning the announcement in July 2022 by FABlink that it is no longer coming via Alderney, and also the outstanding loan of 1.4million pounds which is owed by ARE to ACRE.

**Item II**      **The Beneficial Ownership and Companies (Amendment) (Alderney) Law, 2022 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2022**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The Beneficial Ownership and Companies (Amendment) (Alderney) Law, 2022 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2022”.

***Approved unanimously***

Proposed by Mr Ian Carter  
Seconded by: Mr Christian Harris

**Item III**      **The Animal Health (Infected Area) (Avian Influenza) (Alderney) Order 2022**

**An Amendment was received from Mr Kelly as follows:-**

To amend the proposition to read:-

“The States of Alderney is asked to annul “The Animal Health (Infected Area) (Avian Influenza) (Alderney) Order, 2022” ”

**Amendment proposed by Mr Boyd Kelly and seconded by Mr Gentle**

**Amendment approved unanimously**

**The amended item was then voted on and The States of Alderney resolved to annul “The Animal Health (Infected Area) (Avian Influenza) (Alderney) Order, 2022”.**

***Approved unanimously***

Proposed by Mr Boyd Kelly  
Seconded by: Mr Kevin Gentle

**Item IV**      **The Matrimonial Causes (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2022**

The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The Matrimonial Causes (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2022” and to authorise the Bailiff to present a most humble petition to Her Majesty praying for Her Royal Sanction thereto.

***Approved unanimously***

Proposed by Mr Ian Carter  
Seconded by: Mr Alex Snowdon

**Item V**      **The Bailiwick's further participation in UK Free Trade Agreements**

The States of Alderney resolved, after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled "The Bailiwick's Further Participation in UK Free Trade Agreements" dated 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022, that they are of the opinion:-

1. To approve in principle that Alderney should seek to participate in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on Trans-Pacific Partnership ('CPTPP') in accordance with the existing policy baseline (including provisions relating to trade in goods only).
2. To recognise that Guernsey seeks to participate in the CPTPP in its entirety (including provisions relating to trade in goods and to trade in services), which may bring indirect benefits to the wider Bailiwick.
3. To request that Guernsey's Policy & Resources Committee continues to represent Alderney's interests in discussions with the UK in respect of the CPTPP, including the UK seeking to agree a position that would enable the CPTPP to be fully extended to Alderney, if the circumstances permit at a future time.
4. To authorise Guernsey's Policy & Resources Committee to finalise negotiations and agree to the terms of Alderney's participation in the CPTPP (or relevant provisions of the CPTPP), and to signal such agreement to HM Government in the UK.
5. To endorse the process and approach outlined in this Policy Letter regarding Alderney's (and the wider Bailiwick's) participation in UK FTAs (or other trade arrangements).
6. To authorise Guernsey's Policy & Resources Committee, on behalf of Alderney where relevant, to negotiate and agree to the Bailiwick's participation in UK FTAs (or other trade arrangements), or relevant provisions of them, in accordance with any policy baselines approved by the States of Alderney in relation to Alderney, and to signal such agreement to HM Government in the UK.
7. To agree that there shall be implemented such measures (including legislative measures) as the Policy & Finance Committee, in consultation with Guernsey's Policy & Resources Committee, thinks fit for the purpose of ensuring that Alderney may comply and remain in compliance with obligations that arise from participation in any UK FTA (or other trade arrangement).
8. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.

***Approved unanimously***

Proposed by Mr Ian Carter  
Seconded by: Mr Christian Harris

**Item VI**      **Budget Report 2023 and revised Budgets 2022**

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

- a) Note the States of Alderney Revenue and Capital Revised Budgets for 2022,
- b) Approve that Fuel Duty rates will be kept consistent with the States of Guernsey rate for 2023 as agreed by Policy and Finance Committee on 25 July 2022,
- c) Approve no increase to rates of Document Duty and Congé in 2023 as agreed by Policy and Finance Committee on 25 July 2022,
- d) Approve an increase of 9% to all Alderney Property Tax tariffs except Utilities providers for the year of charge 2023,
- e) Approve the States of Alderney Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2023,
- f) Note the States of Alderney Water Board Revenue and Capital Revised Budgets for 2022,
- g) Approve no increase to Water Rates for 2023,
- h) Approve the States of Alderney Water Board Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2023.

*Approved unanimously*

Proposed by Mr Ian Carter  
Seconded by: Mr Christian Harris

**Item VII**      **Questions and Reports**

**Question from Mr Gentle for Alderney Representative Mr Alex Snowdon:-**

- Could Mr Snowdon briefly summarise any matters of importance to Alderney that may have been debated recently in the Guernsey States of Deliberation, and any other Guernsey updates that may concern Alderney?

**Question from Mr Gentle for Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee:-**

- Is the Chairman able to give any update on the appointment of commissioners to ACRE?

**Question from Mr McKinley for Chairman of General Services Committee:-**

- Can you provide me with a full breakdown of ALL monies paid by the States to Alderney Wildlife Trust and associated entities, whether by way of general or specific grants, consultancy fees or otherwise over the last 2 years, and identify which of these were the result of tendering processes?

**Questions from Mr Snowdon for Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee:-**

1. Could the Chairman outline the States of Alderney's view regarding the recently published Policy Letter titled 'Alderney Airport Runway Rehabilitation' submitted by Guernsey's Policy & Resources Committee and States' Trading Supervisory Board?
2. Can the Chairman confirm if we are taking similar steps to Guernsey over Public Service Reform?

**Questions from Mr Snowden for Chairman of General Services Committee:-**

1. Following Guernsey's push for modular housing, can the Chairman confirm we will be working closely with Guernsey to introduce modular housing onto the island at sites such as Whitegates to try and help with the Alderney housing crisis?
2. Does the Chairman have any updates on the future use of Telegraph Tower?

**The following Report was received from Mr Abel:-**

**“Report to the States of Alderney - Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**From: Bill Abel – Chair of Energy Group**

Energy Group Members:

States Members; Alex Snowden and Kevin Gentle

Non States Members: Les Stewart and Laurence Page

**Draft Energy Policies and Energy Roadmaps**

This report covers the key parts of the Energy Group Mandate and will be the subject of a press release and call for comment from the Community in preparation for the Energy Policies being submitted to the States for approval in either December or early in the new year.

**1. Energy Policy**

In terms of the major goals of the Island Plan, the attached draft Energy Policies follows the format of the Land Use plan and provides context and background for each Energy Policy which has been developed:

- Energy Policy 1: Sustainability
- Energy Policy 2: Resilience
- Energy Policy 3: Clean Energy
- Energy Policy 4: Affordability
- Energy Policy 5: Opportunities
- Energy Policy 6: Tidal and wave Energy

**2. Energy Roadmaps**

The attached Energy Roadmaps consider the energy strategy over the short and medium term based on available technologies; changes to electricity tariffs; increasing use of renewable energy supply options; and guidance and support from the States and AEL in terms of energy efficiencies.

The energy roadmaps provide a view of how the Island may need to change (transition) to meet the policies and the longer term challenges particularly for minimising the use of heating oil.

**3. Role of Alderney Electricity Ltd (AEL)**

The input of Matt Birmingham and James Lancaster has been invaluable in the development of the Energy Policies and of an electricity and energy supply strategy for the Island.

The role of AEL, being the Electricity Concessionaire, is to evaluate the electrical supply policies and determine an effective operational strategy to utilise sources of renewable energy with an initial focus on the use of wind and solar resources.

A part of the Island's transition to the use of solar renewable energy supplies will be the use of any excess solar energy from private sources by AEL and to facilitate this, AEL will need to revise the current tariffs structures and develop an appropriate feed-in-tariff. However, there will be supply conditions as not all 'excess' private energy will be utilised by AEL especially during off-peak periods.

AEL also understands its community role and is evaluating providing a service of energy audits and advice on minimising energy loss in homes and buildings to contain or reduce energy costs.

AEL and the States of Alderney need to discuss the future role of AEL as not only being the electricity provider but also as both the Energy provider and Energy Manager on behalf of the States of Alderney.

#### **4. Progress and future role**

Significant progress has been made on the key deliveries of the mandate – the policy and strategic options and there is a clear understanding with AEL what it, as the operator, needs to advance and the responsibilities of the Energy Group.

The Energy Group needs to continue with developing EOIs for tidal and wave energy pilot projects (a future ACRE role) and also continue work on offsets for heating oil and the development of hydrogen options for the future.

#### **5. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- With the limited dimensions of the Island and the placement of the airstrip the ideal position for medium sized wind turbines is not possible and smaller wind turbines distributed around the Island needs to be evaluated and discussed with the Community.
- There are no constraints to setting up solar arrays and options for arrays at the Fort Grosnez Glacee and Fort Albert. The final site selection will need to be discussed with the community as soon as optimum layouts can be developed.
- The current AEL electricity tariffs need to be revised to provide an equitable allocation of distribution and energy costs; and to encourage domestic and commercial provision of renewable energy.
- The Alderney Electricity Concession needs to be reviewed and updated.
- The Alderney Renewable Energy Law needs to be reviewed as it does not differentiate between on Island use of energy from renewable resources and off island sales of renewable energy.

Attachments::

- Draft Energy Policies
- Draft Energy Roadmaps for Alderney”

**Meeting closed: 1640hrs**