

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Anne French Room**

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - 09.00 hours**

**OPEN Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

Mr I Carter, Chairman  
Mr C Harris, Deputy  
Mr W Abel  
Mr K Gentle  
Mr B Kelly  
Ms A Burgess  
Mr A Snowdon  
Mr S Roberts  
Mrs L Maurice – Non-Appointed

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms K Jones, Chief Executive (CE)  
Mrs E Maurice, Head of Finance (HoF)  
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Head of Govt  
Support (HoGS)  
Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Adviser  
(SFA) (Via Teams)  
Mr J Laband, Project Support Officer  
(PSO-JL)

Apologies: Mr G McKinley  
Declarations of Interest: Nil

**AGENDA ITEM**

**ACTION**

**A01/10/2022 Minutes and Matters Arising**

**A1.1 Decision Progress Log** – September Open Meeting - Tabled and Considered

**A1.2 Minutes from the meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022** – Tabled and Approved.

**A1.3 Matters Arising**

**A1.3.1 - Hybrid Meetings** – Verbal Update from the Project Support Officer – noted.

It was advised that the work in relation to this matter is ongoing and that the considerations enabling Members to vote remotely and how that is permitted is being explored. Criteria includes this approach being the exception and not the norm, being quorate in the room as opposed to being quorate remotely and at whose discretion people are able to vote remotely.

It was noted that a further update would be available to the committee at its next meeting.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note the update.**

**A02/10/2022 Administrative Matters**

**A2.1 External Relations Update (Bailiwick Council/ALG/MOJ/Normandie).**

Mr Carter noted that a number of items were discussed at the Bailiwick Council Meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and at the Normandy Summit (attended by TEAMS) of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of October. These included information on the UK Reciprocal Health Arrangement, French Authorities Engagement on Nuclear Facilities, International Agreements, and the UK's Financial Services and Market Bill 2023. A full report will be circulated to Members with the Minutes of this meeting.

The Chief Executive advised that she would be in touch with the Ministry of Justice later this week and would report to the Committee at its next meeting.

**A2.2 Finance (Grants and Subsidies)**

**2.2.1 SoA Management Accounts Summary – September 2022 –**

Summary from the Head of Finance - Tabled and Noted

The Head of Finance advised that there was nothing significant to note regarding any budget heading within the management accounts.

It was advised that established staff pay settlements have been included in these accounts and that the Public Service Employees have recently agreed a pay settlement for which provision had been made for a 5% increase in 2023 but this had been agreed at 7% meaning an additional cost for 2023.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note the item**

**2.2.2 Economic Development Reserve Fund – September 2022 –**

Summary from the Head of Finance – Tabled and Noted

The Head of Finance advised that there was no movement within the fund this month.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note the item**

**A2.3 Lin Maurice – Groups and Sub-Committee Interests – Report from The Project Support Officer – Tabled and Considered.**

Mr Carter highlighted that this item was a mechanism to ensure Mrs Maurice was able to join the groups she had indicated prior to the meeting.

In addition, it was raised by Members that Mrs Maurice would need to be appointed to the Committees of the States of Alderney, by the States of Alderney, at its next meeting, and as such, should be an item on the next billet.

Mrs Maurice had indicated that she wished to be on all three States Committees, there were no objections to her being appointed to the General Services Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee. However, it was raised that there is only one Building Development Control Committee meeting before the November States Meeting and as such it was suggested that Mrs Maurice would only miss one

meeting and therefore, it may be more appropriate to seek her appointment to that Committee in January, following the ordinary elections. Mr Gentle raised that to avoid conflicts of interest, the opinion is held that Members do not hold concurrently a position on General Services and the Building Development Control Committee.

Mrs Maurice had indicated that she would like to be Member of the Good Governance Group and the Energy Group, the Chairs of both groups, Mr Gentle and Mr Abel, respectively, indicated that due to restrictions set out in the mandates of those groups, that all positions on the groups were full, and that Mrs Maurice would be unable to join at this time. This may however change following the appointments of new Members following the ordinary elections.

**The Members of Policy & Finance Committee resolved to propose to the States of Alderney that;**

- 1. Mrs Maurice is appointed to the Policy and Finance Committee at the November meeting of the States of Alderney**
  - a. Proposer: Mr Carter*
  - b. Seconder: Mr Harris*
- 2. Mrs Maurice is appointed to the General Services Committee at the November meeting of the States of Alderney (it was noted that this should be a decision of the General Services Committee)**
  - a. Proposer: Mr Kelly*
  - b. Seconder: Ms Burgess*

**The Members of Policy & Finance Committee resolved to offer a proposer and seconder for Mrs Maurice to become a Member of;**

- 3. The Economic Development Committee.**
  - a. Proposer: Ms Burgess*
  - b. Seconder: Mr Harris*
- 4. Housing Task Group**
  - a. Ms Burgess*
  - b. Mr Gentle*

**HoGS/BILLET ITEM**

**A03/10/2022 Transport, Economy and Renewable Energy**

- B3.1. Air Transport** – Report in the Closed meeting.

**A04/10/2022 Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance**

- A4.1. Update to Declaration of Interest 2023** – Report from The Project Support Officer – Tabled and Considered  
It was advised that the amendments requested to relevant and consequential documents had been made in order to facilitate the proposals put forward by the Committee at its September meeting. A number of queries were raised in relation to the redrafting;
- Mr Gentle queried whether, given the new wording, if existing Members would have to declare their interests three years prior to their election

- Members queried why the words “friendship” or “friends” was included and that it should be removed.
- Members queried why “on-island” was included and that it should be removed

It was suggested that further Law Officer advice should be sought in order to determine whether the proposed amendments would have any consequences.

It was proposed that this should now be a December submission to the States Billet.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved for the Project Support Officer to liaise with Law Officers on the proposed amendments and report back to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.**

**PSO-JL**

**A4.2. The Forfeiture of Money, etc. in Civil Proceedings (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 – Ordinance Tabled and Considered.**

It was advised that the draft Ordinance amending the Forfeiture of Money, etc. in Civil Proceedings (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2007 is to be placed before the States of Alderney for approval. The effect of the amendments, which mirror the position in Jersey, is to reverse the burden of proof in cases where assets are believed to be the proceeds of crime, and to introduce a summary forfeiture process in relation to assets where a request for consent has been refused at least a year previously. These amendments are intended to facilitate greater effectiveness of civil forfeiture measures, which will in turn be helpful to the forthcoming MoneyVal evaluation.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to submit The Forfeiture of Money, etc. in Civil Proceedings (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 to the States of Alderney billet for inclusion at its November meeting.**

**HoGS/BILLET ITEM**

**A4.3. The Criminal Justice (Cybercrime and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2022 – Law Tabled for Information.**

The first is the draft Criminal Justice (Cybercrime and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2022, which has previously been submitted to the States of Alderney for consideration. Since being sent to Alderney the draft has been revised to remove some of the amendments to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2003. This is in order to take account of some ongoing operational sensitivities at law enforcement level. Members were offered the opportunity for any queries on this legislation to be relayed to law officer for comment.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note that this item was for information only.**

**PSO-JL**

**A05/10/2022 Items for Development/Discussion**

**A5.1 IHRA Engagement and Survey Analysis** – Report from the Chief Executive / Project Support Officer – Tabled and Considered.

The Committee were provided with an overview of the report which included the chronology of work that has been undertaken since December of 2021. Members were provided with the analysis of the anonymous survey questionnaire distributed in December 2021, the current position of the Bailiwick representative, and which of the 8 recommendations from the IHRA could be implemented given the consideration of cost, resource availability and time.

It was proposed that the information collated from the survey questionnaire should be made public in order for the Bailiwick representative to hold primary research data when representing Alderney at IHRA conventions and that one of recommendation 6 or 7 could be committed to and undertaken by the end of quarter 2 in 2023.

*Recommendation 6:* The States should put in place discreet signage at the World War II labour camp sites and Longis Common using QR codes (machine readable codes in the form of a black and white barcode which link to information through the internet) that allow visitors to access information online using handheld smart devices;

*Recommendation 7:* to put in place discreet boundary markers on Longis Common to denote the corners of the burial ground

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved;**

- 1. Unanimously to not approve the releasing the data into the public domain so it may be utilised by the Bailiwick Representative for future representation of Alderney in IHRA meetings; and**
- 2. By Majority, (*Mr Gentle abstained*) to defer the commitment to implementing *one of recommendation 6 and/ or 7*, until such time that more information is available on cost, design, and the detail around information that will be accessible to the public.**

**A06/10/2022 Proposed Items for Future Billet Submission**

- The Forfeiture of Monet, etc. in Civil Proceedings (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022
- Election of Member to School Management Board
- Appointment of Lin Maurice to the General Services Committee
- Appointment of Lin Maurice to the Policy and Finance Committee

**A07/10/2022 Any Other Business – For Information & Noting**

- A7.1.** No reports or other business.

**A08/10/2022 Exception Reporting & Questions by Members**

**A8.1. General Services Committee (GSC)**

Mr Kelly raised that following advice from the States vet there is to be an application for legislation sanctioned in relation to African Swine Fever. In addition, the GSC meeting of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November had been rescheduled, Members of the Committee were informed that the meeting would now take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**A8.2. Building Development Control Committee (BDCC)**

No report

**A8.3. Finance Committee (FC)**

No report

**A8.4. Economic Development Committee (EDC)**

Ms Burgess highlighted that there had been difficulty establishing a meeting date and that she is liaising with the Civil Service on the matter.

**A8.5. Good Governance Group (GGG)**

Mr Gentle advised that there would be little activity until 2023 but there are meetings arranged with the Law Officers on the Good Governance proposals before Christmas.

**A8.6. Energy Group**

Mr Abel Advised that notification had been published for the drop-in session on 4<sup>th</sup> November relating to the consultation on the energy policies and roadmaps. Those documents are now available on the States of Alderney Website.

**A8.7 Island Plan Group**

No report

**A8.8 Housing Task Group**

Ms Burgess announced that a meeting will be announced soon.

**A09/10/2022 Reporting by Representatives**

**A9.1 Alderney Representatives for States of Guernsey – Update**

Mr Snowdon raised the population policy review (which does not apply to Alderney) and an amendment to it, which relates to a potential introduction of a compulsory health insurance scheme to reduce the cost to the taxpayer. It was proposed that a letter should come from the Chair of Policy and Finance suggesting it would be in support of such an initiative and that it would be willing to work with the Policy and Resources Committee in taking it forward.

**A9.2 AeGL Update**

Mr Kelly highlighted that as one of the representatives for AeGL, he had concerns regarding the Jorn Starck's successor. It was stated at

the handover of the AGCC accounts on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, that a successor would be discussed that week.

**A9.3 AEL Update**

Mr Gentle advised that there is a board meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Mr Snowdon queried whether the price of the November fuel shipment was known yet. Mr Gentle stated that he would raise this and report back.

**A9.4 AHA Update**

No report

**A10/10/2022 Resolutions Made**

**As stated within the minutes above.**

**Open Meeting closed: \_\_: \_\_**

**Signed: Ian Carter**

**Date: October 2022**