



States of Alderney  
Office of the President

# DELIBERATIONS

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WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

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**STATES OF ALDERNEY**  
**DELIBERATIONS**  
**FOR THE STATES MEETING**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 1430HRS**

Present: Mr William Tate, President  
Mr Bill Abel  
Mr Ian Carter  
Mr Kevin Gentle  
Mr Boyd Kelly  
Mrs Lin Maurice  
Mr Steve Roberts  
Mr Alex Snowdon  
Mr Nigel Vooght  
Mr Bruce Woodhead  
Mr Derwent Smithurst

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

The President opened the meeting and welcomed His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor.

**The** President then paid tribute to former States Member Frank Dean who sadly died recently and asked those present to observe a minute's silence to reflect on his life.

**Item I**      **Alderney Property Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023**

**The States of Alderney resolved to approve "The Alderney Property Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023".**

Proposed by Mr Nigel Vooght  
Seconded by Mr Ian Carter

**Approved unanimously**

**Item II**      **Proposed Increase in Water Rates**

**The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The States Water Supply (Rates of Charge) (Alderney) Ordinance 2023”.**

Proposed by Mrs Lin Maurice  
Seconded by Mr Bruce Woodhead

**Approved unanimously**

**Item III**      **Document Duty Rates 2024**

**The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The Document Duty (Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023”.**

Proposed by Mr Nigel Vooght  
Seconded by Mr Ian Carter

**Approved unanimously**

**Item IV**      **Duty on Long Leases - Rates 2024**

**The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The Duty on Long Leases (Variation of Rate) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2023”.**

Proposed by Mr Nigel Vooght  
Seconded by Mr Ian Carter

**Approved unanimously**

**Item V**      **Duty on Share Transfers - Rates 2024**

**The States of Alderney resolved to approve “The Duty on Share Transfers (Variation of Rate) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2023”.**

Proposed by Mr Nigel Vooght  
Seconded by Mr Ian Carter

**Approved unanimously**

**Item VI**      **Amendments to Annual Returns Provisions under the Companies (Alderney) Law, 1994**

**The States of Alderney resolved to approve the Companies (Alderney) Law, 1994 (Amendment – Annual Returns) Ordinance, 2023.**

Proposed by Mr Nigel Vooght  
Seconded by Mr Kevin Gentle

**Approved unanimously**

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

**The following questions were received:-**

**From Mr Gentle for the Alderney Representatives in the States of Deliberation:-**

- Could our Alderney Representatives 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?

**From Mr Snowdon for the Chair of Policy and Finance Committee:-**

1. Are there any updates about the Channel Islands new pan-Island Commissioner for Code of Conducts complaints and Alderney's involvement in this.
2. Does the code of conduct in your view need to be updated to handle conflicts of interest in greater detail so members have a clear direction when conflicts arise avoiding any potential political corruption?
3. We were told the ACRE situation would come back to this Chamber within a month when the item was removed in April following an amendment from you. Now, many months later, could the Chairman update us why nothing appears to be happening? When will action be taken on this matter?
4. With national news coverage around the island's WW2 history, could the Chairman update us on the agreed items at P&F and his view about the matter such as the enquiry by Lord Pickles with his team?

**From Mr Snowdon for the Chair of General Services Committee:-**

1. What updates do we have with Whitegates- local development, are plans going to be made available to the public of the proposed scheme? Do all of GSC support the scheme? Do you have a timeline for plots being made available to the public outlining criteria needed?
2. The 'Braye Opportunity Area Masterplan', do we have any updates about full public consultation, will there be a drop-in to take the views of the Alderney public?
3. How is the 'Harbour Users Group Meeting' going and what are the key action points which come from these meetings?

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

## Billet No 2

The President confirmed that the provisions of Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure applied, which provides for a Billet to be issued with 3 days notice, where an urgent decision is required. On the basis of submissions made, the President concluded that an urgent decision was required in respect of the submission.

**Item I**      **Appointment of Chief Clerk (Chief Executive in accordance with the Government of Alderney Law, 2004)**

The States of Alderney resolved to confirm the appointment of Theo Leijser as Chief Clerk (Chief Executive in accordance with the Government of Alderney Law, 2004) of the States of Alderney.

Proposed by Mr Nigel Vooght  
Seconded by Mr Kevin Gentle

**Approved by a majority:-**

**For: Mr Snowden, Mr Gentle, Mr Abel, Mr Carter. Mr Kelly, Mr Vooght, Mr Woodhead, Mr Smithhurst**

**Abstain: Mr Roberts, Mrs Maurice**

Note:- Documents referred to in these Deliberations may be viewed online at [www.guernseylegalresources.gg](http://www.guernseylegalresources.gg) and [www.alderney.gov.gg](http://www.alderney.gov.gg)

***Meeting closed: 1528hrs***