

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
22nd JULY 2014**

0915 hours

Mr F Simonet, Chairman	Mr S Taylor, Interim Chief Executive
Mr R Berry	Mrs E A Maurice, Assistant Treasurer
Mr M Birmingham	Mrs S Pengilley-Price, EA to the Chief Executive
Mr N Harvey	Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary
Mr L Jean	
Mr R McDowall	
Mrs N Paris	
Mr S Roberts	
Mr I Tugby	

Apologies: Mr C Rowley; Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer/ Interim Chief Executive
In attendance: Mr Mark Darby and Mr Malcolm Coupar, Aurigny Air Services (item 59/2014);
 Dr Andy Sloan, Economic Development advisor (item 60/2014)

ACTION

59/2014 **Aurigny** – Mr Mark Darby and Mr Malcolm Coupar in attendance, to give an update on the replacement aircraft; flight schedules and the stability of the routes. Mr Darby updated the Committee that the Dornier negotiations were ongoing and delivery of the first one expected shortly, albeit later than originally anticipated. It was confirmed that the Alderney routes are not under threat. Recent intervention from a group of Alderney residents discussed. Aurigny noted their frustration with this and comfortable that all issues could be responded to. Committee keen to acknowledge that challenge is a democratic entitlement but endorsed its support of the current direction.

Aurigny agreed to provide further information on profit and loss related to routes and fare structure explanation, to include details on “sell out” days. Committee agreed to prepare a Press Release to outline the latest position and other issues arising from the meeting and endorsing its support of the purchase of the Dornier aircraft.

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60/2014 **Economic Development** – Presentation given by Dr Andy Sloan on Alderney's Economic Development Strategy with particular reference to the potential long-term development options for the airfield. Draft findings discussed.

Committee agreed to share the presentation with Guernsey colleagues on the Alderney Liaison Group at its next meeting at the end of July.

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61/2014 **Minutes of the previous meeting** of 24th June 2014 tabled and **approved** subject to one minor amendment.

62/2014 **Matters Arising**

62.1 Matters arising from the minutes

62.1.1 Fort Albert Target Company – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM *See Confidential Annexure*

62.1.2 Harbour Authority Audit – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM The headline messages from the Harbour Audit were discussed. Recommendations agreed at an earlier General Services Committee were put before this Committee where policy implications were evident.

See Confidential Annexure

62.2 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC and GSC) and Guernsey Representatives Issues arising discussed. No items of major significance to be debated. **Noted**

62.3 Employment permit report – July (to date) tabled and **noted**.

62.4 Quarterly Reports

62.4.1 Price Paid Data Quarter 2 – tabled and noted.

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Budgetary and Financial Matters

63.1 Management Accounts Summary of General Revenue Income and Expenditure and Capital Account summary (June 14) tabled and **Noted**.

63.2 Aged Debtors Report – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM *See Confidential Annexure*

63.3 Revenue Account Report – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM *See Confidential Annexure*

63.4 International Financial Reporting Standards Paper from Mr McDowall, Chairman Finance Committee, dated 17th July 2015 tabled and discussed. The Committee noted the implications of the new accounting framework particularly with regard to the requirement for fixed asset accounting in future. It was acknowledged that this would be a long project and would require liaison with Guernsey.

RESOLVED unanimously to

- i) **delegate this to the Finance Committee Chairman with civil service support. Future updates to be provided to Committee on an exception basis only as and when necessary; and**
- ii) **consider options for developing an Asset Management Strategy as soon as possible in preparation for this.**

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63.5 Sale of States Assets – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM *See Confidential Annexure*

63.6 Financial Relationship with Guernsey Paper from Mr McDowall, Chairman Finance Committee, dated 16th July 2014 regarding the proposal to establish a working party with the States of Guernsey to address a series of issues relating to the current financial management framework, table and discussed.

RESOLVED unanimously that the Finance Committee Chairman should raise this matter at the next ALG meeting.

RM

63.7 Capital Projects Report from the States Engineer dated 2nd July tabled and discussed. Concerns were raised regarding Capital programme slippage and challenged if the works defined were realistic and achievable.

Recommended that a revised approach to the Capital prioritisation procedure be considered in advance of the 2015 process.

RM/INTERIM CE/TREASURER

63.8 Hawkers Licence Paper from Treasury dated 15th July 2014 regarding an application for a new hawkers licence for an island wide mobile catering unit, tabled and discussed.

RESOLVED by a majority (Mr Jean against; Mr Birmingham abstained) to approve an Island Wide Hawkets Licence to Mrs Tina Yates for a mobile food outlet, subject to conditions.

TREASURY

63.9 Advertising Contract – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM *See Confidential Annexure***64/2014 Business Development, Tourism & Marketing Matters**

64.1 Waste to Energy Scheme Paper from the Interim Chief Executive, Mr Taylor, dated 16th July 2014 and two reports regarding the latest external advice on a potential waste to energy scheme and a single utility for the island, tabled and discussed. Having received a volume of information on the subject in the last few months, the Committee discussed next steps.

RESOLVED unanimously to:

- Investigate the practical operation of a small anaerobic digester to enhance understanding;
- Focus any potential future development on a small, low risk facility with the emphasis on waste reduction more than the energy by-product;
- Close the relationship with the current external consultants and not commission a further phase of work at this stage.

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64.2 Transport Statistics Headline figures presented by Mr Birmingham. **Noted**

65/2014 Legislation, Conventions and Policy

65.1 Legislation Select Committee Items It was noted that the following items, which may be of interest to Alderney, will appear on the Billet of the September meeting of the States of Deliberation:-

- Alderney eGambling (Operations In Guernsey) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014
- Income Tax (Guernsey) (Approved International Agreements) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014
- The Financial Services Ombudsman (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2014
- Banking Deposit Compensation Scheme (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014

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65.2 Separation etc. (Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2014 Draft legislation tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve. Item to be placed on September Billet.

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65.3 Sanctions – Ukraine Import of Goods report from External Relations, Policy Council tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve for legislation be drafted for Alderney regarding import of goods from Crimea and Sevastopol.

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65.4 Revision to Sanctions Framework Confidential report from Policy Council tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve legislative changes for Alderney relating to restrictive measures as set out in the report.

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65.5 Co-operation Agreement between La Manche, Lower Normandy, Jersey and the Bailiwick of Guernsey Confidential report from Policy Council tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to agree for Alderney to sign the agreement as an associate member with an opt in/opt out option on taking part depending on interest and resources. It was noted that if wished Alderney could elevate to full Member at a later date.

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65.6 Guernsey Financial Services Commission Fee/Regulation Powers. Proposal from States of Guernsey tabled for information. This related to amending the governance arrangements for fee setting in respect of the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC). Interim CE has already responded to consultation following discussion with Finance Committee Chairman. **Noted**

65.7 Sanctions – Sudan and South Sudan Report from External Relations, Policy Council tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve for legislation to be drafted for Alderney regarding restrictive measures against Sudan and South Sudan.

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Any Other Business

66.1 Accommodation Permit – Request for Surrender Report from the Chief Executive's Office dated 16th July 2014 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the surrender of the accommodation permit with effect from 30th October 2014.

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66.2 Proposed amendments to Charities and NPO Law Report from Mr R Walker, Director of Financial Crime Policy and International regulatory Adviser, Policy Council tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to support the proposals to revise the Guernsey and Alderney Charities and Non Profit Organisations Law subject to a suggestion that exemption limits be reconsidered.

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Meeting closed: 13.05pm

Signed: Mr F Simonet, Chairman

Date: 23rd September 2014