

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
ANNE FRENCH ROOM  
28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

0915 hours

Mr F Simonet, Chairman  
Mr R Berry  
Mr M Birmingham  
Mr N Harvey  
Mr L Jean  
Mr R McDowall  
Mrs N Paris  
Mr S Roberts  
Mr C Rowley  
Mr I Tugby

Mr W V Brownlees, Chief Executive  
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer  
Mr B Adams, Interim States Engineer  
Mrs S Pengilly-Price, EA to the Chief Executive  
Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary

In attendance: Mr M Batt, Living Islands Manager (Item 80/2014); Mr Lee Dawson, JLD Property Consultants (Item 85/2014)

**ACTION**

**80/2014** **Living Islands Presentation** Mr Martin Batt, Living Islands Manager, gave a brief overview of the works carried out in the first year of the Living Islands project. **Noted**

**81/2014** **Minutes of the previous meeting** of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 tabled and **approved** subject to minor amendments and item 77/2014 moved from the confidential annexure to the minutes.

Finance Committee – Notes from the meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 to be circulated by email.

Business Development, Tourism and Marketing Committee – Notes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to be circulated by email.

**82/2014** **Matters Arising**

**82.1 Matters arising from the minutes**

**82.1.1 AHA – Annual Rental Increase** Paper from Mr John Weir, Manager of Alderney Housing Association, dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 tabled and considered.

**The Committee, Mr Jean expressing his unhappiness, noted the RPI increase of annual rental by AHA to their tenants with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**

**82.2 Administration**

**82.2.1 Committee Meeting dates 2015** tabled and **agreed**. 2015 States of Deliberations meeting dates will be obtained shortly.

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**82.2.2 Restructuring Principles** Paper regarding the review of the structure and operation of the Civil Service from the Chief Executive dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 tabled and discussed.

**RESOLVED to:-**

- i. **Note the proposed review in terms of resourcing, desired outcome and principles; and**
- ii. **Provide feedback to the Chief Executive.**

**82.2.3 Procedure for the Transaction of Urgent Business** Paper from the Chief Executive dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the Urgency Procedure as detailed in the paper.**

**82.2.4 Strategic Priorities** draft paper of 2015/2016 priorities tabled and discussed.

**Members to provide feedback to the Chief Executive for consideration prior to the list being publicised.**

MEMBERS/CE

**82.3 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC and GSC) and Guernsey Representatives**  
BDCC – Mr Birmingham gave a brief overview of matters discussed at the recent meeting. **Noted**

GSC Mr Rowley gave a brief overview of matters discussed at the recent meeting, which included the campsite development. The Committee noted that the development will be considered at the next BDCC meeting scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> December however a special meeting of all members may be required to debate the campsite. **Noted**

Guernsey Representatives Mr Harvey and Mr Jean advised that the 2015 Budget will be debated at the October States of Deliberations meeting. **Noted**

**82.4 Employment permit report – October (to date)** tabled and **noted**.

**83/2014**

**Budgetary and Financial Matters**

**83.1 Management Accounts** for September tabled and it was noted that the figures will be updated as per the revised budget agreed by the States. **Noted**

**83.2 Aged Debtors Report** Confidential report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 tabled and **noted**.

**83.3 GDP for Alderney** Letter from Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq, Chief Minister, along with draft States of Guernsey report for 'Improving the accuracy of measurement of Guernsey's Gross Domestic Product' tabled and noted.

The Treasurer advised that this will have no cost implications for Alderney. **Noted**

**RESOLVED that Mr McDowall draft a response on behalf of the Chairman to be circulated prior to being sent.**

**TREASURER/RM**

**83.4 Review of Transferred Services** Suggested Framework for the review of Transferred Services tabled and discussed. The Committee, Mrs Paris raised concern with regard to costs, noted that this was part of an ongoing process and the importance to ascertain the costs of services to determine whether if it can be delivered in a more cost effective manner. **Noted**

Breakwater – It was noted that the Chief Executive and Interim States Engineer are addressing the issues regarding maintenance of the Breakwater with the Public Services Department. **Noted**

**83.5 Implementing International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)** Paper from Mr McDowall tabled and **noted**.

**83.6 Alderney Airport – 2015 Proposed Dues & Charges** Proposals for Consultation tabled and discussed.

The Committee was disappointed with the proposed RPI increase on the airport charges as well as the base rate charges being significantly more expensive than Guernsey airport and requested the Chief Executive formally dispute the proposal.

**CE**

*10:50 Mr Tugby left the meeting for the next item*

**83.7 Referrals from GSC:-**

**a) Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewage Scheme** The Committee agreed to defer the item for a future meeting in order for further assessment by the Interim States Engineer and the Chief Executive, in context of the possibility of a bio-digester.

**DEFERRED/CE/INTERIM ENGINEER**

*Mr Tugby re-joined the meeting*

**83.8 Land Registry – Price Paid Data Quarter 3** tabled and **noted**.

Mr Jean advised that document duty will no longer be applied as at the end of October. It was noted that as this is a tax, it reverts to the States of Guernsey. Matter to be added to the list of issues to address with the States of Guernsey.

**CE/CE OFFICE**

Mr Harvey advised that the action plan for attracting people to Alderney, which was agreed earlier in the year, is being revived. **Noted**

**83.9 Guernsey and Alderney Excise Rates** from 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 tabled and **noted**.

The Chief Executive was requested to address the issue of marine fuel being more expensive in Alderney with the States of Guernsey.

**CE**

**84/2014**

**Business Development, Tourism & Marketing Matters**

**84.1 Scrutiny Review: Security of Strategic Air Links** Draft response by Mr Harvey to Guernsey Scrutiny Committee tabled and noted.

**Members to provide feedback to the Chief Executive for consideration prior to the response being submitted.**

**MEMBERS/CE**

It was noted that Mr Harvey, Mr Jean and the Chief Executive will attend a special meeting with States of Guernsey deputies on the 30<sup>th</sup> October to discuss the ongoing operational issues with Aurigny. **Noted**

The Chief Executive to progress the Service Level Agreement with Aurigny. **Noted**

**84.2 AvGas – Proposed letter to AEL** Mr Harvey advised that he had just been informed, prior to the meeting that the bowser for the aviation fuel has been condemned and its use will be discontinued in the next few weeks. Works continue with Mr James Lancaster, the Managing Director of AEL, to resolve the issue and all options are being explored. **Noted**

The Committee agreed that a commitment to supply duty free AvGas must be met and requested that costed options be brought back to the Committee for consideration.

Chief Executive to meet with the Managing Director of AEL to discuss the issue.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/CE**

**84.3 Quality in Tourism** Mrs Paris advised that herself and the Marketing and Tourism Assistant had meetings with Quality in Tourism in Guernsey regarding the introduction of tourism grading for Alderney hotels, guesthouse etc. A consultation will be held with the island's stakeholders. **Noted**

*11:45 Mr Lee Dawson, JLD Property Consultants, joined the meeting*

**84.4 Accommodation Permit Request for Surrender**

a) **1d Clos de Mouriaux, Les Mouriaux** Report from the Chief Executive's Office, and accompanying letters, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to approve the surrender of the accommodation permit for 1d Clos de Mouriaux, Les Mouriaux with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

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b) **Birdcage Cottage, 10 Birdcage Row** Report from the Chief Executive's Office, and accompanying letters, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to approve the surrender of the accommodation permit for Birdcage Cottage, 10 Birdcage Row with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

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

**85/2014**

**Marina Proposal** Committee considered a report from Mr Dawson with regards to the proposed Marina Development submitted by Alderney Developments Ltd (ADL). ADL wish to conduct a detailed feasibility study into the development of a Marina in the Harbour area and the report from Mr Dawson outlined in general terms the principals involved in moving towards agreeing an Exclusivity Agreement with a preferred developer and a suggested process to be followed once a partner has been selected.

The Committee considered that for any marina development:-

- the appropriate documentations should be in place
- an initial start-up period should be agreed, and
- long stop dates to be agreed with a preferred developer

Mr Dawson considered the proposal from ADL as comprehensive and sensible however appreciated that certain aspects required clarification and a comprehensive review. **Noted**

The Committee noted the letter from Mr Gordon Owen, Chairman of Braye Harbour Developments Ltd (BHDL), with regards to the Committee's decision to end the preferred bidder status with immediate effect and consider other options for a marina development. **Noted**

Mr Jean queried how the Committee is able to engage with potential new developers considering BHDL were advised that they can still proceed with a scheme for a marina. The Chairman and Chief Executive clarified that BHDL can still proceed until the States reaches exclusivity with agreed with another developer. **Noted**

The Chief Executive advised that he would be responding to BHDL to address the planning matters and other issues raised in their letter as well as arrange a meeting.

**CE/INTERIM ENGINEER**

Members discussed at length various issues including planning/land use plan and the areas of land identified in the proposal. It was noted that the Committee considered that consultation with the public was critical to the process. **Noted**

Mr Jean declared an interest however stated that he would be voting on this item. **Noted**

**RESOLVED by a majority (Mr Jean and Mr Tugby against):-**

- a) to instruct the Chief Executive to negotiate an Exclusivity Agreement with ADL for consideration/approval by Committee by the end of February 2015; and
- b) not to negotiate/consider any other proposals during this time.

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*13:00 Mr Dawson left the meeting*

**86/2014**

**Legislation, Conventions and Policy**

**86.1 Amendments to Accounting Disclosure Requirements for Insurance Business and Companies Laws** Paper from the Guernsey Financial Services Commission tabled and the Committee raised no objections to the introduction of regulations required.

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**86.2 Import (Control) (Alderney) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 2014** Draft order tabled and agreed.

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**86.3 Amendments to Charities and Non-Profit Organisations Legislation** tabled and the Committee raised no objections to the draft amendment ordinance.

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**86.4 Palermo Convention** Report from Mr Richard Walker, Director of Financial Sector and Financial Crime Policy, tabled and considered.

**RESOLVED unanimously to support the extension of the Palermo Convention to Guernsey.**

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**87/2014**

**Any Other Business** None

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**Press Releases**

- **Proposed Airport Charges**
- **Strategic Priorities**
- **AvGas – in conjunction with AEL**

**CE/CHAIRMAN**

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**Meeting closed: 13.10pm**

**Signed: Mr F Simonet, Chairman**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014**