

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
18th MAY 2015
0915 hours**

Mr N Harvey, Chairman
Mr R McDowall
Mr I Tugby (joined meeting 9:40 hours)
Mr F Simonet,
Mrs N Paris
Mr L Jean
Mr G McKinley
Mr S Roberts

Mr W V Brownlees, Chief Executive
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, EA to the Chief Executive
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer

Apologies: Mr C Rowley, Mr M Birmingham, Miss Laura Gaudion, Minute Secretary

ACTION

41/2015 **Minutes of the previous meeting** of 28th April, and the Special Meeting from 14th April 2015 tabled and **approved**.
Notes from the Finance Committee meeting of 11th May – Circulated via email. **Noted**.
Notes from the Business Development, Tourism & Marketing Committee meeting of 5th May – Tabled and noted.

42/2015 **Matters Arising**
42.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC and GSC) and Guernsey Representatives and Alderney Liaison Group
Finance – Concerns were raised re the projected underspend of the Capital budget due to project slippage. It was proposed that the Head of Operations make a presentation to the July meeting of the Committee to as part of the budget process coincide with the capital prioritisation debate.
BDCC – It was noted that the Building and Development Control Committee had not met since the meeting last month – nothing to report.
GSC – nothing to report
Guernsey Reps – It was noted that the main item of business on the Guernsey Billet this month related to the Le Mare de Carteret School site.
Mr McKinley raised the matter regarding the invitation issued to Guernsey States Members to visit Alderney. Mr McKinley offered to liaise with the Guernsey Deputies and to draft a proposed programme for the visit(s) to be circulated to all States Members.

GMck

Alderney Liaison Group – It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 3rd June and that there were various issues to be discussed including a presentation from HSSD, the final agenda to be circulated to all members when received.

CE office

Peoples Meeting - 'Question Time' format proposal. It was requested that all States Members email Mr McKinley with their ideas as to the format, venue and frequency of this proposed meeting.

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43/2015 **Budgetary and Financial Matters**
43.1 Gap Analysis – Alderney Company Law – Report with attachments from Mr McDowall tabled and considered. It was noted that this item forms part of the Economic Development Plan and the proposed exercise would be a starting point.

RESOLVED to approve for the Chief Executive to commission a gap analysis on the Alderney Company Legislation for a sum not to exceed £20K and that the amount is to be charged to the Economic Development Fund. Chief Executive and Treasury to deal.

KAHG/CE

43.2 Alderney eGambling Advisors Ltd – Budget for 2015 – Paper from H. Hayward AeGAL dated 8th May together with proposed 2015 Budget. It was requested that this item be deferred pending further consideration by the Board regarding amalgamation of AeGAL and AeGL budgets.. The Treasurer advised that £10k has been transferred during 2015 to date from AGCC funds.

RESOLVED to approve a provisional budget of £20,000 to cover the amount transferred to date plus an amount for the foreseeable period, pending further consideration. Noted.

DEFER

43.3 School Bus Contract – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM SEE CONFIDENTIAL ANNEXURE

43.4 Butes Toddler Park – Report from Head of Operations dated 14th May 2015, letter dated 10.04.15 from Darren Keung, Hamon Architects (Project Manager); and summary of tender of works with schedule of works tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve, following GSC deliberations on the 12th May 2015, the allocation of the requested £20K as matched funding towards the Toddler Park, from the 2015 capital budget, subject to Treasury and Resource approval. Treasury to deal.

KAHG

43.5 Coin Contract email from Treasurer dated 15.05.2015 tabled for information, it was noted that the Royal Mint were available to make a presentation to the Committee at the June meeting if necessary, in place of their presentation today, which had been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Noted.

RESOLVED unanimously that a temporary contract be put in place to cover the interim period, May to December 2015, in the meantime the tendering process to commence for the 2016 contract. Treasury to deal.

KAHG/Agenda Item

44/2015

Business Development, Tourism & Marketing Matters

44.1 Alderney Electronic Census Report – Paper from Policy Council entitled “Inaugural Alderney Electronic Census report” dated 6th May 2015 and a report “Alderney Electronic Census Report 31st March 2014”, tabled and noted.

44.2 Aviation Fuel – Some Facts - Report from Norma Paris tabled and noted.

44.3 AEL Briefing - AvGas Update – Report from James Lancaster, Alderney Electricity Limited dated 5th May 2015 tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to retain the Avgas supply on island for the present time and that a robust case be made to the States of Guernsey regarding the supply of Jet A1 fuel. Chief Executive to draft a paper to be included on the Alderney Liaison Group meeting agenda to this effect. Chief Executive to deal.

CE/ALG agenda item

45/2015

Legislation, Conventions and Policy

45.1 Sanctions – South Sudan – Email from Richard Walker, Director of Financial Crime Policy and International Regulatory Adviser, Policy Council dated 13th May tabled and considered.

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation that a new ordinance be drafted to implement EU Regulation 2015/735 and repeal the South Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2014. Chief Executives office to deal.

CE office

- 46/2015** **Economic Development Plan**
46.1 Review progress, including responsibilities/mandates – Economic Development Action Plan tabled and discussed. It was noted that this subject would be a regular item on the Committee agenda.
RESOLVED for the updated plan to be included as an agenda item for the next meeting of the Alderney Liaison Group. Chief Executive to deal.
CE/ALG item/P&F agenda item
- 47/2015** **Blockchain Technology** – Report from Robert McDowall tabled and considered.
RESOLVED unanimously to approve up to £10K allocation from the Economic Development Reserve to set out the opportunities with outline propositions of how the Jurisdictions may benefit by developing plans to encourage development of Blockchain services and a structure for their regulatory oversight. Treasury and Robert McDowall to deal.
- 48/2015** **Re – Appointment of the Code of Conduct Panel to end of 2015** – Excerpt from the Policy and Finance Committee Minutes (item 49.1) dated 27th May 2014 tabled and considered.
RESOLVED unanimously to confirm the renewal of the appointment of the current members* of the ‘Members Conduct Review Panel’ as referred to in Part III of the States Members Code of Conduct until the 31st December 2015. President’s office to deal.
 (*Mrs Rosemary Hanbury; Mr John Russell; Mrs Helen McGregor; Mrs Pamela Pearson and Mr Peter Cunningham.)
KAHG/RMcD
- 49/2015** **Any Other Business**
Fort Albert – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM SEE CONFIDENTIAL ANNEXURE
President’s Office
- 50/2015** **Press Releases** – Chairman to advise.
- 51/2015** **For Information**
The following reports/letters were noted :-
- **Employment Permit Report – May (to date)**
 - **Summary of Management Accounts – April 2015 – *To be circulated when available***
 - **Aged Debtors Report – Confidential Item – *No new aged debtors to report***
 - **Scrutiny Committee Review – Strategic Air Links**
 - **Treasury & Resources Department – Security of Strategic Air Links - Alderney**

Meeting closed: 12.10pm

Signed: Neil Harvey

Date: 22nd June 2015