# POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ANNE FRENCH ROOM 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 1400 hours

PRESENT: IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr J Dent, Chairman Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
Mr D Earl Mrs E Maurice, Assistant Treasurer

Mr S Roberts (TREASURY)

Mr G McKinley Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer

Mr M Dean to the Chief Executive (EO);
Mr A Snowdon Mr C Brock, Director of Business

Mr L Jean Development

Mr C Harris Mr K Gentle

Ms A Burgess FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS:

Law Officer Jon McLellan for item 1.1

and 5.2 via conference call.

Law Officer Simon Hodgett for item 5.1

via conference call.

**Apologies:** None received

**ACTION** 

# 01/2019 Matters Arising

1.1 Driving Licences & requirements after Brexit

Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to agree to the proposed Statutory Instruments the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Guernsey and Alderney) (Brexit) Regulations, 2019 and The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Alderney) (Brexit) Regulations, 2019

1.2 Committee Mandates – Mandates tabled and noted.

#### 1.3 Annual Appointments

The following appointments were agreed by the Committee:

- i. Deputy Chairman David Earl elected (David Earl 8 votes; Graham McKinley 2 votes)
- ii. <u>Chairman of Finance Committee</u> David Earl elected (David Earl 7 votes; Mike Dean 3 votes)
- iii. Members of Finance Committee Mike Dean, Christian Harris, James Dent
- iv. Members with responsibility for liaison with the following bodies relating to Transferred Services, on behalf of the Policy & Finance Committee, with individual delegation when required for:
  - Environment & Infrastructure Committee Annie Burgess
  - Health & Social Care Committee Steve Roberts elected (Steve Roberts 6 votes;
     Graham McKinley 4 votes)
  - Employment & Social Security Committee Christian Harris
  - Home Affairs Committee Mike Dean

- Education, Sport & Culture Committee Kevin Gentle
- Economic Development Committee Christian Harris
- States' Trading Supervisory Board Louis Jean
- Policy & Resources Committee (and external relations) James Dent

#### v. Any other Sub Committees/ Working Groups - Chairman & Members\*

- <u>Tourism & Economic Development Committee\*\*</u> David Earl, Annie Burgess, Chris Harris and Chamber of Commerce representatives \*\*Alex Snowdon to be available to support the committee in the transition if required
- <u>Tidal Energy Group</u> Alex Snowdon, James Dent and Nigel Vooght and James Lancaster
- <u>Air Transport Advisory Group</u> James Dent, David Earl and Malcolm Matthews
- <u>Surface Transport Advisory Group</u> Steve Roberts, Louis Jean and Nigel Lawrence
- Good Governance Group David Earl, Kevin Gentle, Graham McKinley and Andrew Eggleston
  - \*All non-States members to sign a non-disclosure agreement

# vi. Board Appointments:

- States of Alderney 1982 Pension Scheme Trustees Noted as follows In accordance with the rules of the Scheme the official Trustees of the 1982 Scheme (now closed) are the Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee, The Chief Executive and the States Treasurer. Any additional positions are co-opted Trustees. The Trustees do not hold responsibility for the States of Alderney 2013 Scheme, which is administered separately.
  - See Confidential Annexure
- States Appointed Director of Alderney Electricity Limited -

The appointment was deferred until the new States Members were able to undertake an induction and will be considered at the next meeting.

• 2 Directors to the Board of Alderney eGambling Limited -

Mr Earl declared an interest and did not participate or vote in this item.

James Dent and Mike Dean were nominated as Directors of Alderney eGambling Ltd

Alderney Liaison Group –

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to the appointment of the Chairman of P&F and two other States members (as appropriate for specific meetings) as representatives to the ALG.

<u>Bailiwick Council</u> – The Policy & Finance Committee of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013
agreed to the appointment of the Chairman of P&F and two other States
members (as appropriate) as representatives to the Bailiwick Council.

# 1.4 <u>Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey</u> Representatives

**BDCC** – The January open planning meeting takes place on Thursday and site visits have taken place this morning. Policy meeting to follow afterwards.

GSC – Meets next Tuesday at 2pm.

Finance – No meetings since last P&F.

**Alderney Representatives in the States of Guernsey** – Next meeting includes the Alderney Statement, Airport runway, combining TRP & Occupiers Rates and territorial seas. The current policy of the States of Alderney in regard to these items was discussed and noted.

#### 1.5 External Relations

Members were informed about role of the UK Parliament All Party Parliamentary Channel Islands Group (APPCIG), and the annual Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories Ministerial meeting

#### 02/2019 Transport

## 2.1 Air Transport Update

PSO and Runway decision progress issues were noted.

#### 2.2 Maritime Update

Progress with a summer ferry for next year was discussed. Additional information is awaited.

# 03/2019 Legislation, Conventions & Policy and Finance

# 3.1 <u>DRAFT Alderney Annual Statement for States of Guernsey</u>

Draft circulated for comment from P&F members by email to the Chief Executive by 18<sup>th</sup> January. It was noted that there are a number of critical issues under consideration and that some States Members and Civil Servants would be attending the States of Guernsey Meeting. The Chief Executive will clarify the extent to which the Alderney Representatives can be advised during the meeting.

- 3.2 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM Territorial Seas See Confidential Annexure
- **3.3** <u>Development of a Health & Wellbeing Policy Letter</u> Report from Chief Executive dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed that work should commence to draft a Health and Wellbeing Policy Letter.

CEO

3.4 <u>Committee Meeting Schedule</u> – Report from Chief Executive tabled and noted. The Policy & Finance Committee agreed for their meetings to be held on the proposed dates with a start time of 10.30am; and requests the General Services

Committee and the Building & Development Control Committee also considers the schedule.

**CE OFFICE** 

**3.5** <u>AEL Directors Fees</u> - Report from Treasury dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed that:

- The annual States Appointed Directors fee of £100 be paid directly to the States of Alderney for the period 2019 and 2020, with the balance of the fee being retained by Alderney Electricity Limited during that period; and
- To review the payment arrangements further in 2021.

**TREASURY** 

**3.6** European Communities (Food and Feed Controls) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2019 – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to approve, in principle, 'The European Communities (Food and Feed Controls) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2019' and for this matter to be placed on the Billet d'Etat for formal approval in May, subject to States of Guernsey formal approval.

**BILLET ITEM** 

**3.7** <u>Invitation to the Guernsey Youth Commission to Visit Alderney</u> – Item proposed by Mr Snowdon.

It was agreed that Mr Gentle would contact the GYSC to arrange a meeting.

KG

# 04/2019 <u>Economy & Renewable Energy</u>

- **4.1** CONFIDENTIAL ITEM Fort Tourgis See Confidential Annexure.
- **4.2** <u>CONFIDENTIAL ITEM Alderney Commission for Renewable Energy</u> See Confidential Annexure.
- **4.3** <u>Tidal Energy Group Working Budget</u> Report from the Director of Business Development dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the minutes of the first meeting of the Alderney Tidal Energy Group, and approved £10,000 be allocated from the Economic Development Fund Reserve to cover costs associated with the execution of the Group's responsibilities.

**DoBD** 

**4.4** In Work & Out of Work Poverty – Report by Director of Business Development dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to request the Director of Business Development to bring forward the proposal at the next P&F meeting on:

 The methodology required to produce a poverty assessment for the island based on recognised international and national guidelines.

**DoBD** 

**4.5** <u>Cost Comparison – Oil, Gas, Electricity, Coal & Food Items</u> – Report from Director of Business Development dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to request the Director of Business Development to bring forward the proposal at the next P&F meeting on:

• The regular costing of an Alderney basket of goods and services as compared with a similar basket of goods in Guernsey.

Source: Chief Executive's Office

**DoBD** 

# 05/2019 Any Other Business

5.1 <u>CTC & SAD Convention</u> – Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 tabled and noted. The Policy & Finance Committee agreed unanimously to advise the States of Guernsey that Alderney wishes to be included within any Cross-Border trade (CCMAA and AEO) arrangements where appropriate and approved Alderney's inclusion within the CTC and SAD conventions.

CEO

# 5.2 Merchant Shipping (BoG) Law, 2002, (Wreck Removal Convention) Ordinance, 2019

The Policy and Finance Committee unanimously approved the Merchant Shipping (BoG) Law, 2002, (Wreck Removal Convention) Ordinance, 2019

EO

5.3 It was drawn to the attention of P&F that the Tidal Energy Group had made the following statement:

"It was agreed that, purely on economic grounds, the FAB link was not necessarily the optimum route to take to market and that there could well be alternatives to consider. In this regard, the proposed FAB link was not considered to be an imminent prospect. There is no requirement for those exploiting tidal energy to use the FAB link."

5.4 AGCC has been asked to provide some advice which is scheduled for February meeting.

## 06/2019 Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

The above draft resolutions were confirmed by the Committee Members at the meeting as being a correct record of the decisions arising from the meeting.

# 07/2019 For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting circulated via email
- EDR Summary
- P&R Committee Media Release Next Steps in States Brexit Preparations

# 08/2019 <u>Items Scheduled for Future Meetings</u>

Meeting closed: 17.48pm

Signed: James Dent Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Source: Chief Executive's Office