POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ANNE FRENCH ROOM 15th May 2018 0920hours

PRESENT: **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr J Dent, Chairman Mr A Barnes **Mrs N Paris Mr S Roberts** Mr G McKinley Mr L Jean

Mr M Dean Mr A Snowdon

Mr I Tugby

Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Executive Officer to the Chief Executive (EO) Mr C Brock, Director of Business

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)

Development (DBD)

Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, States

Treasurer (TREASURY)

Apologies: Mr Tony Barnes

In Attendance: Mr Malcolm Matthews for item 33.1 and Mr N Lawrence for item 33.3

ACTION

32/2018 **Matters Arising**

32.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (BDCC, GSC, Finance & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives

BDCC - The Committee was updated by the Deputy Chairman of BDCC regarding recent policy and open discussions, including

An open meeting and a policy meeting covering FEPA and a court case.

GSC – The Committee was updated by the Chairman of GSC on various matters including:

- Commonwealth Women's Parliamentary Association Mrs Paris had attended and spoken
- Braye Common Car Park, Victoria Street closure, final decision that the Skate Park will remain in its current location and further investigation of noise mitigation
- Use of Fort Albert Moat for paint-balling
- The future visit of Environment and Infrastructure Committee

Mr Snowdon raised issues about the Nunnery and Accommodation sector.

Finance – No meeting since last P&F.

Year-end accounts to be discussed on the Agenda.

Tourism – The Committee noted an update from the Tourism lead on various matters including:

- Improvements to the Harbour departure building
- Bike riders to visit pre autumn event
- Food and drink festival

- Social media now operating in-house
- Charter fishing (Mr McKinley raised the issues around charter fishing and the lower fish stocks)
- Support for Arts Festival

ALG – No meeting since last P&F.

Representatives in the States of Guernsey - The Committee noted an update on matters to be discussed in the Guernsey States.

Debate on Assisted Dying which is an initial debate to decide on further work.
There are four amendments.

32.2 AHA Update - Confidential Item - See Confidential Annexure

32.3 <u>Revision of Laws – Protection of Investors Law</u> – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 8th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to defer consideration of support and approval of the draft Regulation of Fiduciaries Law and draft Protection of Investors Law pending discussions with the GFSC next month.

33/2018 Transport

33.1 Air Transport Update

- <u>PSA</u> It was resolved that the recommendations set out in the presentation by Malcolm Matthews should form the basis of the States of Alderney submission to inform the Committee for Economic Development decision about the PSA, subject to comments of States Members to be made by the end of next week.
- <u>Airport Runway</u> It was resolved to note, with concern, the recent deterioration and urgent repairs in the runway and to write to Guernsey Airports about the significant risks involved; and to request the States of Guernsey representatives to raise a question about progress in rehabilitating the runway with reference to the Requette in October 2013.
- Aurigny Meeting It was noted that a meeting is to take place but that only States of Guernsey (including Alderney representatives) are invited.
- **33.2** <u>Guernsey Transport Licensing Authority Response For Information</u> Letter from Guernsey Transport Licensing Authority dated 30th April 2018 tabled and **noted.**
- **33.3** <u>Potential Ferry Service</u> Report from Chief Executive dated 15th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved that:

 A debate without resolution about a ferry service should take place in the States of Alderney later in the year. Mr Jean voted against. Mr Roberts, Mr Snowdon and Mr Dent abstained.

34/2018 Legislation, Conventions & Policy

34.1 <u>2017 Year End Accounts</u> – Report from Treasury dated 4th May 2018 tabled and noted. It was further noted that GSC would be holding a special meeting to discuss capital prioritisation as part of the 2019 budget process.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to approve the 2017 States of Alderney Accounts, and the Letter of Representation.

TREASURY

34.2 <u>Proposed Amendment to Rules of Procedure – States Meetings</u> – Report from James Dent tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the additional words to Rule 17 (1) as stated in the report with the addition of, in Rule 17 Sections (4) and (5) replace "Chairman of the States Committee concerned" with "Chairman of the States Committee concerned or Alderney Representative in the Guernsey States of Deliberation" and that this resolution is placed before the States of Alderney as soon as possible. Mr Jean voted against.

34.3 <u>Health & Safety Inspector Appointment</u> – Report from Chief Executive dated 15th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve the appointment of Mr Stephen McCord as Health & Safety Inspector under Section 15 of the Health & Safety at Work (Alderney) Ordinance, 2003; and that all future such appointments be delegated to the Chief Executive. Mr Roberts voted against. Mr Snowdon, Mr Dean & Mr Tugby abstained.

34.4 <u>Venezuela Sanctions</u> – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 8th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to take the necessary steps to provide draft legislation to the States of Alderney for consideration as soon as possible. Seven votes in favour; Mr Roberts had temporarily left the meeting.

- **34.5** <u>Vision for Alderney</u> Report from Chief Executive tabled and **noted. It was** resolved unanimously to take the vision forward and ask the Chief Executive to arrange a programme of public meetings and engagement.
- **34.6** <u>Approved Assets regulation Consultation (GFSC)</u> Letter from Guernsey Financial Services Commission dated 8th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to propose any amendments to the Regulation for sending back to GFSC by the 18th June 2018.

34.7 <u>AEL – Annual Report and Accounts 2017</u> – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 8th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to approve the matters of business as per the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting on 17th May 2018, and to instruct the Chief Executive to vote accordingly.

34.8 Gambling (Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2018 – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 8th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to approve "The Gambling (Alderney) (Amendment) (No.2) Law, 2018" and for this matter to be placed on the Billet d'Etat for the June meeting of the States.

BILLET ITEM

34.9 Organ Donation – Opt out Basis – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 9th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to request that the Chief Executive carry out a public consultation process on Alderney with regards the prospect of organ donation being on an opt out basis and to bring the results back to the Policy & Finance Committee. Mr Jean voted against.

CE

34.10 Alderney Partnership Law – Report from Chief Executive's Office dated 9th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to request that the Chief Executive engage in a consultation process with the on-island stakeholders with regards the prospect of introducing an Alderney Partnership Law.

CE

35/2018 Economy & Renewable Energy

35.1 <u>Draft Energy Policy</u> – report from Chief Executive dated 15th May 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to refer the Draft Energy Policy to a further meeting of the Working Group prior to being considered at the next Policy & Finance Committee Meeting before public consultation and engagement.

CE

35.2 <u>Fort Tourgis Update – Confidential Item</u> – See Confidential Annexure Report dated 8th May 2018 tabled and noted.

35.3 <u>FEPA Licence Update</u> – Report from Economic Development Assistant dated 28th March 2018 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to note the reply received from the Office of Environmental Health & Pollution dated 1st May 2018, and note that the issues raised by Alderney are being further investigated. It was also noted that further consideration by Policy & Finance on this matter, is likely to be limited to ownership of the seabed, other issues will be addressed by the General Services Committee and the Building Development Control Committee as appropriate.

35.4 <u>ACRE Update</u> – Report from ACRE tabled and noted and agreed that Martin Thornton should be invited to brief the next P&F Meeting.

36/2018 Any Other Business

- Youth Service Commission visit & meeting with States Members
- Timeline for the swimming pool report
- Cultural Exchange P&F support for request for use of school
- Marina discussions at GSC
- Medical issues follow-up report
- GDPR
- Film on assisted dying at Cinema
- Yacht incident and time for getting ambulance to attend

37/2018 Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

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

38/2018 For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting circulated via email
- Age Debtors Report
- EDR Summary
- Consultants & Legal Fees Summary CONFIDENTIAL
- Management Accounts March & April 2018

39/2018 <u>Items Scheduled for Future Meetings</u>

- Alderney Runway Rehabilitation
- Customs, Duties & Associated Powers (Brexit)
- Alderney Business Development Update

Meeting closed: 12:45pm

Signed: James Dent Date: 16th May 2018