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STATES OF ALDERNEY

BILLET D'ETAT

FOR WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 2019

Members of the States:

I have the honour to inform you that the Meeting of the States will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday 24th July 2019. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Island Hall.

William Tate President

Item I Alderney Football Association Lease extension

The following letter was received from Mr McKinley, Chairman of the General Services Committee:-

"The General Services Committee considered a request by the Alderney Football Association (AFA) at its meeting in December 2018 regarding an extension of the current term of the lease held by the AFA (10 years from 2016) to a 25 years minimum period, for the land situated at the Arsenal (Mount Hale).

It was advised that the extension of the lease to 25 years would satisfy Football Association Grant guidelines for funding and would provide security to the AFA to raise necessary funds for refurbishment to the current facilities at the club house.

The General Services Committee approved the extension to the lease by a further 17 years to bring the term up to 25 years, however it was noted that for a lease to be issued for this length of time would require a full States of Alderney resolution (as a matter of public interest) and would require registration of the lease against the land title in the Land Registry at the Court.

I would be grateful if this matter could be placed before the next meeting of the States of Alderney with an appropriate proposition.

Mr Graham McKinley OBE, Chairman"

The States of Alderney is asked to approve that the current lease for the Alderney Football Association be extended by 17 years to provide a term of 25 years.

Committee Meeting Attendees:-Mr Graham McKinley OBE, Chairman Ms Annie Burgess, Deputy Chair Mr Mike Dean Mr Kevin Gentle Mr Christian Harris Mr Stephen Roberts

Item II Single-use Plastics – Debate without Resolution

The following letter was received from Mr Dent, Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee:-

"At its meeting of 13th November 2018, the Policy and Finance Committee agreed that the States of Alderney should be represented at the first Blue Islands Environmental Conference. This conference was scheduled to be held in Gibraltar earlier this month; but this has now been postponed.

In March 2019, the Policy and Finance Committee further agreed that Alderney should sign up to the Blue Islands Environmental Charter – for reference purposes, the draft Charter text is reproduced below.

- 1. To control and reduce the environmental impacts of the island's activities on the environment
- 2. To control the risks and impacts associated with activities on the island
- 3. To promote a rationale of continuous improvements
- 4. To factor the environment into every day practices
- 5. To move towards a complete ban on single-use plastics entering the island and its local environments
- 6. To increase self-knowledge in order to improve and communicate
- 7. To contribute to the development of scientific knowledge with regards to the unique local island marine environments
- 8. To support other islands through open communication and education
- 9. To protect native, terrestrial and marine, species and enhance biodiversity
- 10. To enhance terrestrial and marine natural environments

At its meeting on the 14th May the Policy and Finance Committee agreed that, at its July Meeting, the States of Alderney should debate single-use plastics. Members would be invited to provide their views on the steps that Alderney could take in order to reduce island-wide use of such items

Wider Issues

In Gibraltar, the aim of the Blue Islands Conference was to bring together islands in order to create an effective working partnership with the goal of protecting and enhancing their terrestrial and (in particular) marine environments.

Alderney accepts that its responsibilities for the environment go beyond its own borders. All states have an important role to play in wider global environmental protection. Having said this, the States of Alderney are particularly conscious of the fact that it is now one of only two Crown Dependencies/Overseas Territories without a basic formal commitment to its own, or the broader world, environment (the States of Alderney are, however, taking first steps toward Marine Master planning).

Having said this, Alderney knows that it has been able to achieve much without formal regulatory frameworks.

Single-use Plastics

In the Blue Island draft Charter particular reference is made to the environmental damage caused by single-use plastics. As can be noted in the Charter, the elimination of these products is seen as an important first goal.

I would be grateful if this matter could be placed before the States of Alderney at its July meeting, for debate without resolution.

James Dent, Chairman"

Committee Meeting Attendees:-

Mr James Dent, Chairman Mr David Earl, Deputy Chair Ms Annie Burgess Mr Mike Dean Mr Kevin Gentle Mr Louis Jean Mr Graham McKinley OBE Mr Stephen Roberts Mr Alex Snowdon

Item III Questions and Reports

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