

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Anne French Room**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

**0900 hours**

**PRESENT:**

Mr N Vooght, Chairman  
Mr I Carter  
Mr A Snowdon (left 0956)  
Mrs L Maurice  
Mr B Woodhead  
Mr B Kelly  
Mr S Roberts (left 0956)  
Mr W Abel  
Mr K Gentle

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs E Maurice, Temporary Chief Executive (TCE)  
Mrs L Baines, Political & Senior Executive Officer (left for item 12 only)  
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, Head of Govt Support (HoGS)  
Mr Stephen Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor (SFA) (via Teams)  
Mrs E O'Toole, Acting Head of Finance (AHoF)  
Mr J Laband, Policy Support Officer (PSO)

Apologies: None

Attendees: AGCC Commissioner & Executives: Mr Christopher Moger KC; Dr Isabel Picornell; Lord Faulkner (Chairman); Ms Sarah Kelly and Ms Gemma Fletcher for item 11 only

Declarations of Interest  
Confidentiality Reminder

**AGENDA ITEM**

**ACTION**

**01/05/2023**

**Minutes and Matters Arising**

**1.1 Minutes from previous meeting for approval – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023** – tabled and approved.

Amendment to the date of signature at the end of the minutes. **Noted.**

**1.2 Policy and Finance Decision Progress Log – April 2023 Meeting** – tabled and noted.

**1.3 Newly Elected Deputy Chairman for P&F**

Mr Abel had advised the Temporary Chief Executive and Chairman of Policy & Finance that he has resigned from the role as Deputy Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved for Mr Gentle to be Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee.**

**Mr Vooght thanked Mr Abel for his support for the last 5 months as Deputy Chairman.**

**02/05/2023**

**Administrative Matters**

**2.1 Chief Executive & Civil Service Update** – Report from Senior Strategy and Policy Officer, SoG dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

In January 2023, the Policy and Finance Committee and the Alderney Liaison Group, agreed that, in the interests of both the States of Alderney and the States of Guernsey, based on previous commitments that steps should continue to be taken to foster greater integration between the respective public services, focusing in the short term on the

transitional staffing model set out in that paper and in the longer term working toward a Bailiwick civil service.

The Committee noted an update from the Temporary Chief Executive regarding the current civil service.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note the update in respect of the steps being taken to give effect to their previous decision to foster greater integration between the Guernsey and Alderney Public Services and the development of a long-term staffing model.**

*0917 The Civil Service left the meeting except for the Strategic Financial Adviser (via Teams) for the Committee to discuss a matter as the Employment Board.*

*0956 The Civil Service rejoined the meeting*

*0956 Mr Roberts and Snowden left the meeting*

## **2.2 External Relations Update (Bailiwick Council/ALG/MoJ/Normandie)**

**Bailiwick Council** – Meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> June – any requests for agenda items from Members to be relayed to Mr Vooght.

**ALG** – Meeting scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> June – any requests for agenda items from Members to be relayed to Mr Vooght.

**MoJ** – Nothing further to report. Mr Vooght advised that the Lt Governor has expressed frustration regarding the cancelling of trips by the MoJ and has requested that they visit all 3 islands in due course.

**Normandie** – Nothing to report.

## **2.3 Brittany & Ille et Vilaine Agreements** – Report from Project Support Officer dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

At its April meeting, the Policy and Finance Committee resolved to agree to progress a relationship with Ille et Vilaine and Brittany and as such become part of the agreements. The Committee's resolution was relayed to the States of Guernsey and subsequently the Civil Service received the agreements with Ille et Vilaine and Brittany for the Committees approval prior to them being signed by Mr Vooght as Chairman of P&F.

Mr Vooght is due to attend the signing of the agreements in Guernsey on 7th June 2023.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to;**

- i. approve for Alderney to participate in the agreements (as drafted) as associate members;**
- ii. approve for Mr Vooght to sign them on 7th June; and**
- iii. for updates from the agreements to become standing items on the Policy and Finance agenda under the existing external relations section.**

**PSO**

## **2.4 CPA Update Report from London Visit** – Report from Mr Carter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

The Alderney delegation of Ian Carter, Lin Maurice and David Knight attended the annual CPA regional conference for those countries in our region at the Houses of Parliament. The conference comprised delegations from Alderney, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Jersey, Malta, Northern Ireland, Scotland, the UK and Wales. The

conference had several strategic themes; namely Inclusive Parliaments, Parliamentary Standards and The Climate Emergency. In addition to formal sessions there were opportunities for both formal and informal meetings with other delegates to share good practice and establish networking opportunities to enable issues of common concern to be addressed.

It was advised that cyber security is covered within the Bailiwick Risk Register, and this falls with Agilisys.

The Committee stated that the Commissioner for Standards should visit Alderney once appointment is confirmed by the States of Guernsey. The Temporary Chief Executive advised that a letter has been sent, and awaiting a response. **Noted.**

**2.5 Committee Meeting Schedule** – Report from Temporary Chief Executive dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

Civil Service across the Organisation have raised their frustrations that they are frequently finding themselves in the position whereby they feel unable to submit timely, fully researched and considered papers to Committees due to the current Schedule. Members can also be dissatisfied if actions from the last Committee have not been completed by officers, however in reality, there may only have been a 2 week window for all Committee actions to be fulfilled.

The frequency of States Meetings can also lead to public criticism when there is limited business, for example the May States Meeting only had 2 items on the Billet.

To enable business to still be considered by Committee in a timely manner whilst noting the above considerations, a 6/7 weekly schedule of meetings is proposed, focused on PFC, EDC and GSC. Conversations would also be required with the President's Office and Greffier in regard to timings of States Meetings and how this can best support any changes to meeting dates.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to:-**

- (a) Support a change in the current meeting schedule to reflect a 6/7 week schedule for Policy and Finance; General Services and Economic Development Committees;**
- (b) Request the Temporary Chief Executive to liaise with the President's Office and Greffier in regard to any changes required to the States Meeting schedule; and**
- (c) Agree that following any specific feedback that a final schedule be circulated for approval.**
- (d) agree for this to be trialled for the remainder of 2023.**

**TCE**

**2.6 Finance (Grants & Subsidies)**

**2.6.1 Finance Group – Proposed Mandate** – Report from Acting Head of Finance dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

At Finance Committee in January 2023, Members considered the current mandate of the Finance Committee. It was agreed that the mandate for the Committee was too broad and required review. Policy and Finance Committee subsequently agreed that a new mandate should be drafted for a 'Finance Group' to provide a supporting role to the Policy and Finance Committee which is the properly constituted member forum for financial matters.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to:**

- a) agree the mandate for the Finance Group, subject to amendment of wording of No/6 'for investigating',**

- b) propose a Chair (Mr Carter) and three additional Members (Mr Vooght, Mr Woodhead & Mrs Maurice) to sit on the Group, and**
- c) Ask the Acting Head of Finance to propose a meeting timetable for the remainder of the year.**

**AHoF**

**2.6.2 SoA Management Account Summary – April 2023 – FOR INFORMATION & NOTING**

Tabled and **noted**.

**2.6.3 SoA Projected Year-End Summary of Accounts – Report from Acting Head of Finance dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.**

As part of the Budget Process each year, under the requirements of the Government of Alderney Law, a budget for the following year, together with a revised budget for the current year, has to be produced and subsequently approved, at the October States Meeting. These budgets are drafted by Treasury following individual meetings with Budget Holders, liaison with the Senior Management Team and input from the various States Committees/ Chairs.

Meetings with budget holders were held between the 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May to report on April accounts and provide the basis for the Projected Year-End Summary of Accounts. A summary of the main variances currently projected were provided for reference.

It was noted that the Finance Group will hold a special meeting to have a detailed review the current Budget and gain a better understanding of the current position.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note the report.**

**2.6.4 EDR Fund – April 2023 – FOR INFORMATION & NOTING**

Tabled and **noted**.

**2.6.5 Additional Funding Request for Tourism Promotion – Report from Acting Head of Finance/ Project Support Officer dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.**

The Economic Development Committee, at their meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023, considered this report for further funding of the initiative under the Economic Development Reserve Fund (EDRF) for Tourism Promotion at External Events, which goes towards the delivery of press trips and future attendance at tourism events (i.e. travel & accommodation costs).

It was noted that the requested amount would cover a number of years as the underspent balance within the EDRF would be carried forward. EDC Members queried why this budget was within the EDRF and not revenue and it was advised that it was previously determined as an unnecessary draw on the revenue budget.

EDC Members requested that as this is an ongoing cost, it should be explored as to how this could be incorporated back into the revenue budget.

The Economic Development Committee resolved to approve an approach to Policy and Finance Committee to allocate an additional £10,000 for the continuation of Promotion of Tourism at External Events, for the delivery of press trips and future attendance at tourism events, as listed in the report.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to (Mr Kelly abstained) advise the Economic Development Committee:**

- a) that a supplementary estimate of £10,000 is not agreed from the revenue budget or EDR at this time,
- b) to identify the actual additional sum required for 2023 with a view to funding this from:
  - the revenue budget and accept an overspend to be adjusted at revised budget, or
  - the Economic Development Reserve
- c) to prepare a business case for funding of press trips and future tourism events in 2024 as part of the forthcoming budget process.

**AHoF/PSO/EDC**

- 2.6.6 Community Assistance Fund – Update – FOR INFORMATION** – Report from Acting Head of Finance dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and noted.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note the summary report on the Community Assistance Fund for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.**

- 2.6.7 Delegation of Authority for Grant Funding** – Report from Acting Head of Finance / Project Support Officer dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

At the April Finance Committee meeting, it was queried why there is such an extensive process around the approval of grant funding, and it was proposed that the General Services Committee should have the same budgetary authority (£5k) in relation to grant funding as the Economic Development Committee in a bid to avoid duplication of work and unnecessary delays in approvals.

To address this, the suggestion was made that a paper be submitted to PFC with recommendations to delegate authority of grant funding to the relevant Committees and the Treasury department to determine the thresholds at which they may award funding subject to existing scrutiny applications by the Strategic Financial Adviser.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to agree in principle, subject to a total cap being set, to delegate the authority in relation to grant funding as per the aforementioned thresholds subject to General Services Committee agreement at its meeting on June 16th.**

**AHoF/PSO/GSC**

- 2.6.8 Commemorative Coin Contract – Verbal Update – SEE CONFIDENTIAL ANNEXURE**

*1058 meeting break*

*1106 meeting reconvened*

*1106 Greffier joined meeting*

- 5.4 Replacement Land Registry** – Report from Project Support Officer dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

The Capital Project for the upgrade and replacement of the Land Registry System at the Court of Alderney was originally included in the 2019 budget but has not been pursued due to Covid 19 and other priorities. The Land Registry system is a critical system used at the Court Office which serves as the official Land Registry on Alderney.

The current system is unsupported, out of date, failing, crashing, and through faults that have not been addressed, for some 7 years, it has lost its functionality to be updated, a delay in installing a new system could risk losing all the data stored on the current system.

The Policy Support Officer proposed that the capital expenditure requested should be increased from the tabled £75,000 to £80,000 as there is no reference to travel costs for technical support/ installation in the statement of works or the business case, it was then suggested by Members that to add provision for contingency, the requested amount should be £85,000.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to approve;**

- a. **the total cost of delivery for the new Land registry from the capital budget of £85,000 (rounded), and;**
- b. **the expenditure of £16,767, (subject to RPIX) for the annual maintenance fee from the revenue budget for the Land Registry from 2024 and to request a pro rata charge from Agilisys for that annual maintenance in the event that it is live before the end of 2023.**

PSO

*1122 Greffier left meeting*

*1124 AGCC Commissioner & Executives joined meeting: Mr Christopher Moger KC; Dr Isabel Picornell; Lord Faulkner (Chairman); Ms Sarah Kelly and Ms Gemma Fletcher*

**11/05/2023 AGCC Annual report 2022 – Presentation** – Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Year End 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 tabled and **noted**.

The Committee sent their best wishes to Andrew Gellatly for a speedy recovery.

It was noted that reviews are underway regarding processes and policies in preparation for the MoneyVal audit next year. Staff costs have now been stabilised, as there was a period of duplication of staff covering workload and induction period with the loss of 4 senior staff members last year.

The Committee were advised that the AGCC profits are well on target for 2023. **Noted**.

*1155 AGCC Commissioner & Executives left meeting: Mr Christopher Moger KC; Dr Isabel Picornell; Lord Faulkner (Chairman); Ms Sarah Kelly and Ms Gemma Fletcher*

**2.6.9 Alderney Ambulance Service SJARS Service Contract Delay Impact** – Report from Strategic Adviser dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 tabled and considered.

The Committee were advised that the actual spend on ID medical during January to March 2023 was higher than estimated based on the average previous three months. This was due to a number of factors including:

- a) An increase in the average call-out rates during that period.
- b) Additional overlap requirements to cover personnel changes. It was originally anticipated that the personnel would be able to cover the whole period as before rather than multiple changes.

Therefore, an additional budget of £12,200 is being requested to meet these unforeseen costs.

The Temporary Chief Executive advised that work is still being progressed re Ambulance staff being utilised across other medical facilities when not on call. Clarity to be determined regarding the basis of the charge increase in call outs for the beginning of the year.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the additional revenue expenditure of £12,200 to cover the final costs of third-party personnel to the start of the St John Ambulance and Rescue Service Alderney Ambulance Service Contract. The additional funding is to be reflected in the Revised Budget 2023 when presented in September 2023.**

**SA-DL/TREASURY**

**2.6.10 Ambulance Service Contract** – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

The Policy and Finance Committee was advised at its last meeting that the contract for the new SJARS ambulance service was at its final stage. It was anticipated at the time that the contract would be signed imminently.

Officers subsequently received some late feedback from SJARS raising an issue on the proposed wording inserted into the contract to give the States flexibility in the event of a future charging regime.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to:**

- a) note the SJARS stance on providing a resource for a future ambulance charging model; and**
- b) agree the amended wording from SJARS.**

**SFA**

**2.6.11 Future Use of the Nunnery** – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

Following St John's departure, Flat 1B at the Nunnery is now being utilised by the Agency Planning Officer for a period of 6 months from the end of May 2023. The Committee was asked to consider future options for the site, that may be beneficial to the island's economy.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to direct the Economic Development Committee to undertake a site visit with all Members, if necessary, with a view to determine possible uses for the Nunnery for economic benefit to island, and to report back to P&F.**

**EDC**

**2.7 Commissioner for Standards – Verbal Update**

The Temporary Chief Executive advised that an official letter has been sent, and a response is yet to be received. **Noted.**

**03/05/2023**

**Island Plan**

**3.1 Sector Feedback – Verbal Update**

**3.1.1 Care**

It was noted that the LV Group have no further interest in Alderney.

There are still the ongoing challenges regarding the Connaught regeneration and how it will be managed. It was noted that an Alderney Care Board meeting is scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The Members requested for the Connaught meeting minutes to be circulated to all Members for their information going forwards. **Noted.**

**IC**

**3.1.2 Education**

It was noted that three new teachers have started at school, and with one leaving at half term.

There are continuing challenges regarding the early years provision across the island.

**Due to the lack of information provided/available for Members consideration, it was advised that the civil service would identify the key individuals who can provide updates on these areas – such as Will Pierce for Care, and Director of Education from SoG for Education.**

TCE

### **3.1.3 Transport**

The following items/workstream updates were noted:

- Runway Rehabilitation work has gone out to tender
- Braye Opportunity Area – scoping exercise underway
- Alderney Ferry Services – a vessel has been chartered to resume sailings while damage to the ferry is repaired. Noted there was no change or disruption to the service as a result.

### **3.1.4 Housing**

Workstream is encompassing housing issues across the island.

A report will be tabled at a future P&F covering all aspects.

### **3.1.5 Energy**

Nothing to report.

### **3.1.6 Economy**

Minutes from the latest Economic Development Committee meeting have been circulated to all Members for their information. **Noted.**

**3.1.7 Environment – Proposal for new lead member** – Report from Mr Abel dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

Mr Abel has expressed that Environment is not his area of expertise and has suggested that another member (Mr Carter) be suitably placed in his stead.

However, due to Mr Carter's workload, Mr Abel agreed to continue as the lead for Environment going forwards.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to approve for Mr Abel to continue as the lead for the Environment section within the Island Plan.**

## **3.2 Work Plan Updates - Verbal**

### **3.2.1 Runway**

Work is continuing regarding potential land swaps. There are 2 acquisitions going to the land registry for swap imminently.

It was noted that the civil service is currently justifying the terms regarding the land suitable for storage of machinery and plant for the runway works.

### **3.2.2 Sports Centre**

### **3.2.3 Swimming Pool**

It was noted that these two items should be joined together rather than under separate headings going forwards. The total package would also include the family centre.

The Committee were advised that a proposal for all sections would come to a future P&F meeting for discussion.

**3.2.4 Family/Children's Facility** – Report from Mr Carter dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.



As part of the Island Plan there was a perceived need from the community engagement exercise for a Family / Children's centre to support the community and to help attract and retain young families on the island. In effect providing a means of supporting families from babyhood to starting school in a setting that is fit for purpose and provides facilities and opportunities for a range of services that are required during this period of family life. Given the numbers involved and to be economic any such centre should also be seen as a wider community resource with a focus on children but not exclusively so.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to:**

- 1. Undertake an initial survey amongst key stakeholders as to the need and support for such a facility (TCE to approach HSC colleagues); and**
- 2. If the outcome of 1 proves positive, to procure a project manager / resource to take the concept need through to a concept plan.**

**IC/TCE**

### **3.2.5 Social Housing**

It was noted that this aspect is incorporated within the main housing section.

### **3.2.6 Energy Turbines, Solar Panels & Tidal**

Nothing to report.

**04/05/2023**

### **P&F Working Groups - Updates**

#### **4.1. Finance Committee**

The new Finance Group will be meeting to discuss and review the 2023 and 2024 Budgets.

#### **4.2. Good Governance Group**

Nothing further to report.

A meeting is still to be arranged. **Noted.**

**KG**

#### **4.3 Energy Group – Funding Request** – Report from Mr Abel dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

As part of Energy Policy - Policy 4 Affordability; the EWG requires to do further work on energy efficiency in the homes to assess the cost and viability of 'insulating' a typical island home with a view to making recommendations on subsidies for home insulation. The group have utilised an expert from Guernsey to assist with preliminary work on both insulation and on heat source pumps and his work has been good. The general scope of this work necessitates 3 to 4 days of work with interaction with the EWG, including expenses. This cost is estimated to be a max of £2500. It is proposed that the remaining monies (approx. £5k) in the EDR Fund for Energy work is used to fund this project. Going forward this is an area that AEL will be taking on, but this is still some work which the EWG has planned to do.

As part of the Energy Policy 6 - Tidal and Wave Energy; the EWG has developed a Request for Proposals which asks Tidal/Wave providers/developers to propose small scale projects for the supply of energy to the Island. It is not a commitment for the SOA but rather to elicit proposals, the terms of possible contracts and funding requirements. On receipt of these proposals (if any) it can be determined if there is value in putting out a formal tender document which will take into consideration some of the points raised in the proposals.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to:**

- **Approve minor project funding of approx. £2,500 for the energy efficiency project using a specialist consultant from Guernsey – from approved EDR Fund Budget; and**
- **Proceed with the issue of a request for tidal proposals within the next 2 weeks, and for a Press Release to be approved by P&F before distribution; and**
- **Approve for Mr Abel to approach ARE Director regarding data sharing (as per the request in the report).**

BA

#### **4.4 Housing Group**

The Committee were advised that Mr Kelly had resigned from the Housing Group. Mr Woodhead thanked Mr Kelly for his work on the working group.

#### **4.5 Alderney Airport Runway Group**

Nothing to report. Next meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> June. Noted.

**05/05/2023**

#### **Legislation, Conventions & Policy**

**5.1 AHA Quarterly Report Q1 2023** – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

The AHA submits a range of financial and performance information to the States on a quarterly basis in compliance with the Communication Protocol agreed as part of the framework agreement with the States.

A summary of the salient points from the Quarter 1 (2023) data is summarised for the Committee with the AHA commentary appended to provide additional context.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to:**

- a) Note the key issues in the report; and**
- b) Identify any issues for follow up with the AHA at the next quarterly meeting with States representatives.**

KG

**5.2 The Lending, Credit & Finance (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2022 – Consultation – Sure (Guernsey) Limited** – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

Pursuant to section 22(10) of the LCF Law, the Commission must consult with the Policy and Finance Committee of the States of Alderney if an applicant proposes to carry on regulated activity in or from within Alderney.

Sure (Guernsey) Limited is in the process of applying for a licence under the LCF Law. It has been indicated in the application that regulated activity will be carried out in or from within Alderney. This is not new activity as Sure (Guernsey) Limited already has an agreement in place with London House Limited, Alderney in relation to the provision of services.

The Commission wishes to seek any comments the Policy and Finance Committee may have regarding the licensing of Sure (Guernsey) Limited as soon as practicable.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to relay any comments regarding the licensing of Sure (Guernsey) Limited to the Civil Service so that these can be relayed to the Guernsey Financial Services Commission as soon as practicable.**

PSO

**5.3 Draft Regulations of Anti-Criminality Standards for Accountancy Firms – Consultation** – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

The new regime regarding minimum standards for the owners and controllers of accountancy businesses in the Bailiwick was approved by the States of Deliberation at their meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and the Policy & Resources Committee (“P&R”) in Guernsey would like to commence the regime imminently.

As part of commencing the regime, P&R needs to exercise a regulation making power prescribing equivalent jurisdictions for the purposes of regime and P&R needs to consult the Policy and Finance of the Committee in Alderney before exercising that power.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note the update within the report and approve the draft Criminal Justice (Proceeds of Crime) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Equivalent Jurisdictions) Regulations, 2023.**

HoGS

**06/05/2023**    **Items for Development/Discussion**  
None

**07/05/2023**    **Items for Future Billet Submission**  
None

**08/05/2023**    **For Information & Noting**  
**8.1 Draft Finance Committee Minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> April meeting – FOR INFORMATION & NOTING**

**8.2 Belgian Honorary Consul – FOR INFORMATION & NOTING**

An email was received on 3<sup>rd</sup> May from External Relations, confirming that the Policy & Resources Committee have accepted the appointment of Mrs Peggy Gielen as the Belgian Honorary Consul for Guernsey, Sark and Alderney.

**The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to note the appointment of Mrs Peggy Gielen as the Belgian Honorary Consul for Guernsey, Sark and Alderney.**

**09/05/2023**    **Exception Reporting from States Committees**  
**9.1 General Services Committee**

Nothing to report.

It was noted that the Biodiversity Strategy will be coming back to GSC for further consideration in due course.

It was advised that written consent has been obtained regarding the storage of the crane.

It was advised that confidential annexures of minutes are treated as such until the relevant officer advises the Committee Secretary otherwise, to which the confidential minutes will then be placed within the main body of the minutes. **Noted.**

**9.2 BDCC**

The next Open Planning meeting has been rescheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The Agency Planning Officer will be commencing work at the end of May, and a transition of duties is in place for when a new planning officer is appointed. **Noted.**

**9.3 Economic Development Committee**

Nothing further to report.

**10/05/2023     Reporting by Representatives**

**10.1 Alderney Representatives for States of Guernsey – Update**

Nothing to report.

**10.2 AeGL Update**

Nothing to report.

**10.3 AEL Update**

The Committee noted that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

**10.4 AHA Update**

Next meeting scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> June. Noted.

**10.5 Connaught Liaison Update**

It was noted that the Connaught Board is still to produce a draft business plan and budget. There is uncertainty over the extension completion date impacting on this work and the business plan/budget will be discussed at a subsequent meeting once this is clearer. Issues are still current regarding the laundry and kitchen. It was advised that Will Pierce is moving forwards with the actions. Meetings have become more constructive which is positive. Noted.

Extension Update – equipment storage concerns, as handover date delayed from 1<sup>st</sup> July. Mr Gentle to update Members via email. The Connaught is currently fully staffed which has minimised the risk of overtime cost and pressure on staff. Noted.

**10.6 Alderney Care Board**

Nothing to report.

**12/05/2023     Any Other Business**

**12.1 ACRE Commissioners Update**

The Committee were advised the issues are ongoing, and that a meeting with the Law Officers is to be scheduled shortly. **Noted.**

**12.2 Amendments to Criminal Justice Legislation** – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

Due to an administration error, two additional propositions were missed from the Criminal Justice Legislation that was tabled at the March Policy and Finance Committee meeting for consideration.

Mr Carter had the following queries:

- what is the difference between ‘extraction’ and ‘rendition’?
- what is a forum bar?

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to note the additional propositions and provide any feedback on them and the additional paragraph so it can be relayed back to The Committee for Home Affairs before the States of Deliberation meeting being held on 24 May 2023.**

PSO

**12.3 National Counter Measures – Sanctions Policy Letter** – Report from Chief Executive Office dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 tabled and considered.

The Policy Letter proposes amendments to the Bailiwick’s legal framework for anti-money laundering and combatting the financing of terrorism (“AML/CFT”) and the implementation of international sanctions measures. The amendments concern the

Terrorism and Crime (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002 (the “Terrorism Law”)<sup>1</sup>, the Sanctions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018 (“the Sanctions Law”) <sup>2</sup> and the Terrorist Asset Freezing (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2011 (“the Terrorist Asset Freezing Law”)<sup>3</sup>. Mr Carter queried if the proposed amendments had any consequential effect to the AGCC legislation.

**The Policy and Finance Committee resolved to support the Policy Letter as attached and the proposals therein and for the decision to be relayed back to the Director of Financial Crime Policy.**

**PSO**

**12.4 Immigration Regulations Physical Data**

It was noted that these regulations would be circulated via email for comments on the proposal due to the deadline date.

**PSO to circulate to Members for comments via email.**

**PSO**

**12.5 Royal Mail Consultation**

Mr Carter raised that the Royal Mail have put out a consultation regarding next day delivery.

**Mr Vooght to respond to the consultation via letter.**

**NV**

**12.6 Travel Requests for Members**

Due to budget constraints, travel for Members to any occasion is to be approved via P&F. **Noted.**

**Meeting closed: 1.30pm**

**Signed: Nigel Vooght**

**Date: May 2023**