

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
21st February 2017
0915hours**

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman
Mrs N Paris
Mr S Roberts
Mr G McKinley
Mr M Birmingham
Mr L Jean
Mr I Tugby (until 12.50)
Mr A Barnes (until 12.50)
Mr M Dean
Mr A Snowdon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr W V Brownlees, Chief Executive (CE)
Mrs S Pengilley-Price, EO to the Chief Executive (SP)
Mr P Veron, Economic Development Officer (PV)
Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer (KG)
Mr A Bray, Technical Services Officer
Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary (LB)

Apologies: Mr S Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor

In Attendance: Simon Dent, Financial Advisor for St Johns Ambulance Service for item 14/2017

ACTION

12/2017 **Matters Arising**
12.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC and GSC) and Guernsey Representatives and Alderney Liaison Group (exchange of information with P&R)
Updates from BDCC, GSC, and the Guernsey Representatives were noted.
ALG – the Committee agreed to share/exchange information with Policy & Resources Committee in Guernsey, and representatives are to attend both P&F and P&R meetings dependant on the agenda topics.
TWG – the Committee agreed for Tourism Working Group to be added to the committee feedback under matters arising going forward.

13/2017 **Health Review** – Report tabled and noted.
The Policy and Finance Committee agreed for this item to be placed on the Billet for the next full States meeting for full debate.

BILLET ITEM

0945 Simon Dent joined meeting

14/2017 **Transfer of St John Ambulance Alderney Ambulance Service** – Billet item dated 13th December 2016 tabled and noted.
The Policy and Finance Committee agreed for this item to be placed on the Billet for the next full States meeting for approval.

BILLET ITEM

1000 Simon Dent left meeting

1005 PV joined meeting

15/2017 Economic Development

15.2 Sea Links

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to the urgent need to finalise the agreement with Bumblebee for a 2017 service to Guernsey based on their letter of 20th February 2017, and approved funding up to £35k, to include other minor costs, from the Economic Development Fund. It was also agreed to an early tender process for a combined freight and passenger service to the UK and Guernsey; and not to subsidise other surface transport to Cherbourg other than the waiver of minor harbour fees.

TREASURY/PV

1030 Malcolm Matthews joined meeting

15.1 Potential New Air Links – Air Alderney Ltd – Update - See Confidential Annexure.

1055 Malcolm Matthews left meeting

15.3 Economic Development Reserve Fund – expenditure as at 14/02/2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed for the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current standing on Company Law, Partnership Law, Blockchain and Review of Governance; with a view to determine instructions given to the Law Officers; spending to date and forecast; and on-going timetables and outputs. It was also requested that representation of those engaging in progressing these projects make themselves available to answer questions when required.

CE

15.4 EDF – Additional Funding Required - Report tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed (MB abstained) to insert further funding of £15k to the Administration/Consultancy vote, and a further £25k to the Aviation Fuel Subsidy vote to cover on-going costs during 2017.

PV

1115 PV left meeting

1120 LB left meeting

16/2017 ARE/FABLink/ ACRE

16.1 Report – Way Forward – Report from Chief Executive dated 21st February 2017 tabled and noted.

16.2 ACRE Update

16.3 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to consider these matters at its meeting on 14th March when it will have the benefit or preliminary advice from its appointed advisors.

16.4 FEPA Licence – For Noting – Report from Planning Officer and draft letter from ARUP tabled and noted.

1250 meeting paused for lunch

1415 meeting resumed, LB joined meeting

- 17/2017** **Budgetary and Financial Matters**
17.1 Capital Expenditure Referral from GSC – Harbour Boat Hoist – Report from Harbour Authority dated February 2017 tabled and noted.
The Policy and Finance Committee approved the capital expenditure of £82,000 in respect of the replacement of the boat hoist, as approved unanimously by the General Services Committee at its meeting on 14th February 2017.
TREASURY
- 18/2016** **Legislation, Conventions and Policy**
18.1 Same Sex Marriage – Report from Chief Executive’s Office dated 21st February 2017 tabled and noted.
The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to support legislation being drafted for same sex marriage to be introduced to Alderney.
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- 18.2 States of Alderney Waste Plan** – Report from Chief Executive’s Office dated 21st February 2017 tabled and noted.
The Committee approved the draft plan for Imports and Exports of Waste as tabled, and that ‘The Transfrontier Shipment of Waste (Alderney) Ordinance, 2017’ be drafted by Law Officers Chambers. It was also agreed that the plan will be revisited in conjunction with the tendering for the shipping of freight contract at the end of 2017.
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- 19/2017** **Any Other Business**
- 20/2017** **Agenda Resolutions - Confirmation**
- 21/2017** **Press Releases**
- 22/2017** **For Information & Noting**
The following reports/letters were noted:-
- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email
 - Finance Committee Notes – circulated via email
 - Aged Debtors Report – Confidential Item
 - BREXIT Update
 - Notification of AGCC Presentation on 5th June 2017
 - Revised FC Mandate (following FC Meeting)

Meeting closed: 3.10pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 22nd February 2017