

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNE FRENCH ROOM
6th June 2017
0915hours

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Lewis, Interim Chief Executive (CE)
 Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer to the Chief Executive (EO)
 Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer (TREASURY)
 Mr P Veron, Economic Development Officer (EDO) for items 73/2017
 Mrs L Baines, Minute Secretary

Apologies: Stephen Taylor, Strategic Financial Advisor (SFA)

In Attendance: HM Procurer Megan Pullum
 Susan Johnson and Stephen Taylor (SFA) via conference call for item 71/2017.

ACTION**70/2017****Matters Arising****70.1 Committee feedback from Chairmen (B&DCC, GSC & Transport & Tourism) & Guernsey Representatives**

BDCC - The Committee noted a verbal update from the Deputy Chairman of BDCC, covering a range of matters including the open meetings, progress of the LUP and revisions to legislation.

GSC – The Committee noted a verbal update from the Chairman of GSC, covering a range of matters including taxi fares and night cover, the skate park, small vessels code, the waste burner, sand extraction and the future options for the scramble track.

Transport – The Committee noted a verbal update from the Committee Chairman regarding:-

- a) The progress being by Air Alderney to secure its application for an Air Operators Certificate (AOC); and
- b) The recent decision by the Jersey & Guernsey authorities not to subsidise an inter-island passenger ferry service. The Committee also agreed to contact the Guernsey & Jersey authorities to affirm Alderney's interest in securing an effective inter-island passenger service and the willingness to provide a measure of financial subsidy.

EDO

Tourism – The Committee noted a verbal update from Tourism lead on various matters including the recent visit of the Victor Hugo with multiple passengers from France, and the positive joint working between Visit Alderney & Visit Guernsey.

Education – The Committee noted that the Vice President of the Guernsey Committee for Education, Sport & Culture and the Director of Education had recently visited Alderney. Their attention had been drawn to local concerns and in response, had provided assurances and planned further visits to Alderney in July. It was further agreed that the Chairman of P&F and the States representative on the School Committee would liaise with the Head Teacher with a view to periodic updates being provided to States Members.

Guernsey Representatives – nothing further to report.

70.2 Aurigny Review Update – Report from the Chief Executive dated 31st May 2017, Aurigny Strategic Review Report and the Aurigny Strategic Review Panel Report tabled and noted.

The Committee noted the update from the Chairman on the recent Aurigny Review and resolved to:-

- Urge the States of Guernsey to publish immediately the Aurigny Review Reports; and
- Support the call for the Bailiwick air links to be seen primarily as economic enablers and also as social enablers;
- Call for discussions on the nature of the Public Service Agreement that would best serve Alderney and the Bailiwick;
- Ask members to consider what appropriate questions could be raised on the matter by the Alderney representatives in the States of Deliberation, and advise the members accordingly.

EDO

70.3 Digital Connectivity Update

The Committee noted that a more detailed progress update on the options for improving the digital connectivity would be provided for the next meeting.

ICT

70.4 Health Services – Update

The Committee noted the progress being made by the Guernsey Committee for Health & Social Care (CH&SC) to develop a Target Operating Model for the provision of health care in the Bailiwick. The Committee also resolved to advise CH&SC of the ongoing concerns that many of the issues arising out of the Wilson Review remained to be addressed particularly in relation to primary health care.

CE

70.5 Military History – Request for Papers

The Committee noted that research was continuing to ascertain what additional documentary evidence of the activities on Alderney WW2 which might be secured from the British and German authorities.

1030 HM Procureur Megan Pullum, Susan Johnson and Stephen Taylor (via conference call) joined meeting

71/2017 **Brexit Implications for Alderney – See Confidential Annexure.**

1050 Susan Johnson and Stephen Taylor left meeting

72/2017 **Legislation, Conventions & Policy**

72.1 Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016 – Report from Chief Executive dated 31st May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to submit the draft Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law to the States for approval, subject to a correction in respect of the title of the Committee.

BILLET ITEM

72.2 Wire Transfers – Report from Chief Executive dated 31st May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to ratify the submission of the Transfer of Funds (Alderney) Ordinance, 2017 for consideration at the next States meeting.

72.3 Air Transport Licensing Laws Amendment – Report from Economic Development Officer dated 30th May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed to take the necessary steps to implement the two amendments to air transport licensing as soon as possible.

EDO

1100 HM Procureur Megan Pullum left meeting

73/2017 Budgetary, Financial & Employment Matters

73.1 Aviation Fuelling Update – Report from Strategic Financial Adviser dated 6th June 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to:-

- **Support the subsidy of up to £90k to AEL to continue to provide AvGas and Jet A1 through until September, to be charged to the economic development fund and for this to be implemented as a matter of priority; and**
- **Agree such capital costs up to £100k as necessary to facilitate this work, to be charged to the capital account,**
- **Encourage AEL to supply the fuel at the lowest practical cost; and**
- **Seek a long term solution which will secure the supply of both types of fuels, through engagement with AEL and through an open tender process. The tender process to allow for self-service fuelling of AvGas is to be included as one of the options.**

EDO

73.2 Swimming Pool Update – Report from Chairman of Finance Committee dated 6th June 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed:-

- **To note the latest position;**
- **That this matter should be shared informally with the States of Guernsey at political level when more detailed costings of the options have been obtained, to establish whether there is any merit in considering additional funding at this stage; and**
- **To ask ACSC to revise the figures in the operational business plan to enable detailed scrutiny by the States to manage potential future risk.**

SFA/CHAIRMAN

73.3 CE Recruitment Update – Report from Chief Executive dated 31th May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee approved the expenditure of up to £25,000 for costs associated with the recruitment of the next Chief Executive to be charged to the P&F Committee & Sundry Expenses (Revenue Account) Budget.

EO

73.4 Clearing Banking Facilities for Small Businesses – Report from Chief Executive dated 31st May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee agreed that its members use whatever opportunities arise to encourage banking institutions serving Alderney to allow small businesses to open trading accounts and keep the fees for counter services at an affordable level.

73.5 Guernsey Banking Deposit Compensation Scheme – Report from Chief Executive dated 31st May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved to endorse the consultation process and to welcome the suggested increase in the compensation available to depositors.

EO

73.6 Nunnery Update

The Committee noted that following the States decision at the May meeting, independent surveying advice has been obtained from Guernsey Property Services and that a report is expected in advance of the next States meeting.

TREASURY

73.7 Economic Development Reserve Fund – as at 30/05/2017 – Report from Economic Development Officer dated 31st May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Committee noted the update on the Economic Development Reserve.

1210 LB left meeting

74/2017 ARE/FABLink - CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – See Confidential Annexure.

1240 LB joined meeting

75/2017 Any Other Business

75.1 ALG & Bailiwick Council – Report from Chief Executive dated 31st May 2017 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee noted the invite to forward to the Chief Executive, or the Chairman, items which could usefully be on the agenda for either of the above meetings, at which Alderney will be represented.

EO

75.2 P&F Work Streams Report

It was noted that the Chairman would be making a report to the next States meeting on the current work-streams of the P&F Committee.

75.3 Water Board Phase 10

The Committee agrees to approve the grant funding of £3k, to be taken from the capital account, for the Water Board Phase 10 distribution improvements project at Coastguards (trench share project with AEL).

TREASURY

75.4 Chairman Resignation

It was noted that Mr F Dean had resigned as Chairman of the Royal Connaught Residential Care Home Ltd.

75.5 Billet Reports

The Committee agreed that the President be requested to consider changing the order in which items were presented to the States in the Billet D'Etat to enable reports from Chairmen, which may be of public importance, but had been submitted at a later date than some other items to be considered early on in the meeting.

EO

75.6 Heavy Goods Vehicles

Concerns were noted about the difficulties encountered by some local drivers of heavy goods vehicles in being able to drive certain loads frequently enough to maintain their competency.

EO

75.7 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting (27th June) would clash with a meeting of the States of Guernsey.

76/2017 Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation

77/2017 For Information & Noting

The following reports/letters were noted:-

- Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email

- **Aged Debtors Report – Confidential Item**
- **Management Accounts – as at 30/04/2017**

Meeting closed: 3.10pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 7th June 2017