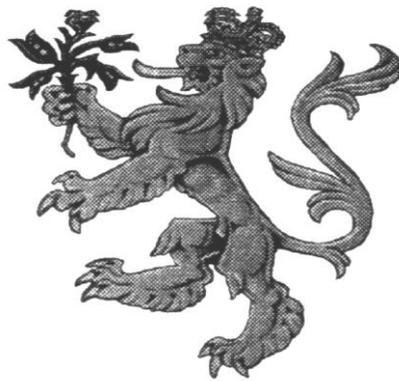


**STATES OF ALDERNEY**



**BILLET D'ETAT**

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

Price: £2.30

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### **FOR WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Island Hall.

William Tate  
President

#### **Item I**      **Chief Pleas**

**Persons whose names are included on the Register of Voters and who have given due notice will address the States on matters of public interest.**

#### **Item II**      **New Connaught Care Home – Extension**

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

**“New Connaught Care Home – Extension**

##### **Background**

At the meeting of Policy and Finance Committee on 19 September 2019, a recommendation from the General Services Committee in respect of an extension to The Connaught was considered and approved.

The Connaught is a States owned care home company managed by an independent board of Directors. The States has previously agreed that its role can extend to considering provision of financial and other support to help The Connaught achieve its objectives and support the local community.

##### **Extension progress**

The overall project proposal is to deliver changes to The Connaught infrastructure in phases. This first delivery phase will provide a purpose-built office space with

training facilities on the top floor of the current building. This will then enable the subsequent phases of building the new extension.

The new extension will comprise 13 additional resident rooms plus communal spaces, tailored rooms for clinics, new offices, more storage and housekeeping facilities. The extension will also include installation of a new lift. New residents will bring in additional revenue to The Connaught which will be offset by additional costs associated with the extension. As part of the shareholder role, the States will continue to require The Connaught to demonstrate sound financial management and control and to evidence this through its business plan and submission of the annual accounts.

The delivery of the new extension has been broken down into incremental phases, this is a more agile approach which facilitates better cost management, reduces risks and is less disruptive to residents.

This Business Case is for the delivery of the final two phases, Phases 2 and 3. Phase 2 is the substructure & grounds delivery, and Phase 3 will deliver the extension and construction additional resident accommodation.

The overall cost for all three phases is estimated at £1.88m, a reduction from the original estimated cost of £2.7million following the introduction of a new Connaught Extension Project Board.

Phase 2 will deliver piling, foundations, drainage, ground floor and boundary walls. Phase 3 will deliver the additional resident accommodation and supporting rooms.

Phase 3 will be a distinct contract phase but as it is dependent on phase 2, the approval is combined here. At this stage, a detailed cost breakdown is not available as this will be determined through the tender submissions. However, an estimate has been independently provided by a professional for budget purposes. This is being used for the committee and States approval stages as well as providing officers with a benchmark for the tender evaluation review once tenders are received. The detailed breakdown will not be published as this may compromise the integrity of the future tender process.

Any significant variation from the initial estimate which becomes evident during the tender process will be referred back to the full States and States of Guernsey Policy and Resources Committee to ratify if appropriate following discussion and advice in such circumstances.

### **Cost and timing**

The costs of Phase 2 are estimated as £400,000 broken down as follows:

The £400,000 is split into:

- £350,000 selected contractor's tender
- £20,000 project management fees
- £15,000 additional insurance cover & reports
- £12,000 utilities & safety supplies
- £3,000 for minor parts

The cost for Phase 3 is estimated to be £1.29 million.

The project will be subject to the States of Alderney procurement processes which require competitive tenders for projects over £150,000. It will also be notified to the States of Guernsey Policy and Resources Committee in accordance with agreed practices where projects are over £250,000.

Subject to approval by the States, Phase 2 will commence as early as mid-March 2020 and will take approx. 19 weeks. Phase 3 will commence soon after Phase 2 completion.

I should be grateful if you would place this matter before the States with an appropriate proposition.

James Dent, Chairman”

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MEMBERS:-**

Mr D Earl, Deputy Chair  
Ms A Burgess  
Mr M Dean  
Mr K Gentle  
Mr C Harris (absent)  
Mr L Jean  
Mr G McKinley OBE  
Mr S Roberts  
Mr A Snowdon

**The States of Alderney is asked to approve the recommendation from the Policy and Finance Committee to provide funds for delivery of the Connaught project**

- **Phase 2 substructure & grounds at an amount of up to £400,000;**
- and**
- **Phase 3 additional resident accommodation and supporting rooms at an amount of up to £1.29M.**

**Item III      Ban on the sale and distribution of single-use plastic carrier bags**

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

*“In March 2019, the Policy and Finance Committee agreed that Alderney should sign up to the Blue Islands Environmental Charter in order to demonstrate its continuing commitment to the environment. The Charter states that the threat to the ocean is intrinsically linked to human activity in island nations and proposes that all islands commit to move towards a complete ban on single-use plastic entering the Island and in particular the marine environment.*

*A working group consisting of Alderney Chamber of Commerce, Alderney Wildlife Trust, States Member Annie Burgess, States Works and Economic Development has been formed and are undertaking a number of initiatives in order to remove as much plastic from the Island’s supply chain as reasonably possible, with the objective of becoming “a plastic free island” without the need for legislative changes.*

*A workshop with businesses was held in December 2019 and February 2020 resulting in a number of actions for the group.*

*The number one priority for the group reflecting the outcome of the discussions held in the workshop, is the recommendation that the States of Alderney should consider a ban of the sale and distribution of single use plastic carrier bags by*

*January 2021. Previously the Alderney Chamber of Commerce held concerns regarding this approach and wished to see progression on a voluntary basis. However with further consideration and discussion with members of the working group the Chamber are now fully supportive of the concept of a total ban. This mirrors similar EU changes and of particular note is the French Government ban brought in for January 2020 of plastic plates/cups sold in bulk in the supermarkets; and cotton buds and still water bottles in school catering services and retailers.*

*This matter was brought to the February meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration where the Committee resolved to agree to the recommendation of the working group that a ban on the sale and distribution of single use plastic carrier bags to be introduced in Alderney and to recommend to the States of Alderney the approval of a Projet de Loi to that effect.*

*I should be grateful if you would place this matter before the States of Alderney with an appropriate proposition.*

*Mr James Dent, Chairman”*

**POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MEMBERS:-**

Mr J Dent, Chairman  
Mr D Earl, Deputy  
Ms A Burgess  
Mr M Dean  
Mr K Gentle  
Mr C Harris (absent)  
Mr L Jean  
Mr G McKinley  
Mr S Roberts  
Mr A Snowdon

**The States of Alderney is asked to agree to the recommendation that a ban on the sale and distribution of single-use plastic carrier bags is introduced in Alderney and to approve that legislation be drafted by Law Officers Chambers to that effect.**

**Item IV      Questions and Reports**

No Questions or Reports at time of publication.

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