

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Microsoft Teams Meeting (video link)
23rd April 2020
1030 hours

PRESENT:

Mr J Dent, Chairman (until 12.44)
 Ms A Burgess
 Mr S Roberts
 Mr G McKinley
 Mr M Dean
 Mr A Snowdon
 Mr L Jean
 Mr K Gentle
 Mr D Earl (assumed the Chair from 12.44)
 Mr C Harris

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A Muter, Chief Executive (CE)
 Mrs E Maurice, Acting Head of Finance
 (TREASURY)
 Mrs S Pengilly-Price, Executive Officer
 to the Chief Executive (EO);

Apologies:**ACTION****22/2020 COVID 19**

22.1 Budget Implications – Report from Treasury dated 20th April 2020 tabled and considered.

The Policy and Finance Committee resolved unanimously for this item to be deferred to a meeting of the Finance Committee for detailed review, to be held at the earliest opportunity subject to the understanding that post the FC meeting, any changes would be put for final approval to P&F for approval by email and with a view to communicating the resolution to the public at latest mid next week. There are messages that need to go out to the public as soon as possible.

22.2 Lockdown & Strategy to exit from Lockdown: Implications for Alderney – Report from Chief Executive dated 19th April 2020 tabled and noted.

The Policy and Finance Committee thank Dr Nicola Brink for her excellent presentation on a Lock-Down Exit strategy (Sat 18th April) and supports that strategy. The Committee will from time-to-time consider the priorities for Alderney and will communicate those priorities to the CfHSC, CfHA and or CCA.

22.3 Travel & Self-Isolation Restrictions – Report from Chief Executive dated 17th April 2020 tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved by a majority (Mr Roberts against) to note the current arrangements for restricting travel and for self-isolation and note the power of the Medical Officer of Health to introduce further restrictions within the Bailiwick should she consider it appropriate.

22.4 Recovery Planning – Presentation on developing a Recovery Plan - Noted. Presentation was very well received and the Committee agreed that the Airport was a vital element of the islands recovery.

23/2020 Request from Lord Pickles – Report tabled and noted.

The Policy & Finance Committee resolved unanimously to agree to a meeting (via Zoom) with Lord Pickles and the other participants mentioned, to follow up the IHRA Safeguarding Site Visits.

- 24/2020** **Appointment of Alternative Temporary Member of the Civil Contingencies Authority** – Report from Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee dated 20th April 2020 tabled and noted.
The Policy and Finance Committee resolved for Mr Alex Snowdon to be appointed as the alternative Alderney Temporary Member of the Civil Contingencies Authority.
- 25/2020** **Alderney Pandemic Emergency Committee** – Report from Alex Snowdon and advice from Chief Executive setting out the lack of capacity to support additional committees tabled and noted.
The Policy and Finance Committee resolved by a majority (Mr Earl and Mr McKinley against) to approve the formation of the 'Alderney Pandemic Emergency Committee' and that Mr Dent, Mr Snowdon, Mr Roberts, Mr Gentle and Mr Dean be nominated to sit as members of this Sub-Committee and that the Sub-Committee's mandate includes: exploring any options which should apply to Alderney as bespoke solutions; engagement with the public with their views, ideas and suggestions; re-evaluating risks (eg. mental health and wellbeing and work with counterparts in Guernsey); work on policy formations with feedback required from the Operational Group, with any bespoke requirements during the COVID 19 crisis and that all policy proposals by the Sub-Committee are to be approved by Policy & Finance Committee before submission to the CCA and Committee for Health and Social Care.
- 26/2020** **Good Governance – Verbal Brief from Mr Earl.** Noted.
- 27/2020** **Tidal Energy Group – Present Position** – report from Chairman noted.
- 28/2020** **Agenda Resolutions – Confirmation**
The above draft resolutions were confirmed by members post meeting and by email.
- 29/2020** **For Information & Noting**
The following reports/letters were noted:-
- **Resolutions of Previous Meeting – circulated via email**
 - **Letter from Deputy Soulsby re Direction Implications for Alderney**
- 30/2020** **Items Scheduled for Future Meetings** – Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th May 2020 at 10.30am. The Committee resolved that Policy and Finance Committee meetings should now be held fortnightly, if needed, from 07.05.2020 until further notice.

Meeting closed: 14.10pm

Signed: James Dent

Date: 24th April 2020