

# STATES OF ALDERNEY



# BILLET D'ETAT

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012

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Members of the States:

I have the honour to inform you that a Meeting of the States will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012. This will be preceded by the People's Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Island Hall.

W Stuart Trought  
President

#### **Item I**      **Budgets 2013**

**The following letter has been received from Mr Beaman, Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee:-**

*“Under Section 58 of the Government of Alderney Law I am required to publish the proposed budgets for 2013 and report on the budget for 2012. The budget for 2013 is the result of much hard work by both States Members and the Civil Service. The resultant budget is a team effort designed to enable us to run our public services whilst investing in new infrastructure and other capital projects.*

*The attached Budget Report provides an explanation of the revised budget for 2012, together with the proposed 2013 Budget, relating to the States of Alderney and the States of Alderney Water Board.*

*I would be grateful if you would lay this matter before the States with appropriate propositions.*

*J. Beaman  
Chairman, Policy & Finance Committee”*

**The States is asked, after consideration of the Budget Report :-**

**to accept the States of Alderney Revenue Budget for 2013**  
**to accept the States of Alderney Capital Budget for 2013**  
**to accept the Water Board Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2013**

#### **Item II**      **Occupiers' Rate 2013**

**The following letter has been received from Mr Beaman, Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee:-**

*“You will be aware that at the end of each year the States must, by Ordinance, set the level at which the Occupiers' Rate is to be charged for the following year.*

*As agreed earlier in the Budget report, the Policy & Finance Committee has resolved that no increase in rates should be applied in 2013, and therefore rates will remain at 2012 levels.*

*I therefore enclose a draft Ordinance entitled "The Occupiers' Rate (Level for 2013) Ordinance, 2012" and should be grateful if you would place this before the States with appropriate propositions.*

*J Beaman  
Chairman"*

**The States is asked to approve "The Occupiers' Rate (Level for 2013) Ordinance, 2012".**

**Item III**      **The Companies (Alderney) Law 1994 – Fees Ordinance, 2012**

**The following letter has been received from Mr Beaman, Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee:-**

*"The prescribed fees of the above Law have been reviewed on an annual basis since they were comprehensively reviewed in 2007 following an interval of several years. Although any revised fees are not effective until the next calendar year, fees are now reviewed earlier in the year in order to allow maximum notice for Company Administrators.*

*The current fees have been increased by RPIX at 3.1% (rounded), as recommended by the Company Registrar and subsequently agreed by the Policy and Finance Committee. The only other addition is the addition of a category to incorporate charges for expedited searches using scanned images.*

*I therefore enclose a draft Ordinance entitled "The Companies (Alderney) Law (Fees) Ordinance 2012" which gives details of the current fees, together with the proposed increased fees, and should be grateful if you would place this before the States with appropriate proposition.*

*J. Beaman  
Chairman, Policy and Finance Committee"*

**The States is asked to approve "The Companies (Alderney) Law (Fees) Ordinance 2012".**

**Item IV**      **Proposed Increase in Water Rates**

**The following letter has been received from Mr Walden, Chairman of the General Services Committee:-**

*"In September 2006, the States agreed to increase rates by 10% and advised that further annual increases of a similar amount would be necessary for at least the next 5 years in order to eliminate the deficit on revenue account. In 2011 the decision was made to reduce the increase to 5% due to the financial climate and the effect on small businesses and families and reduce expenditure to counteract this loss. As a result of these measures, since 2009 the Water Board has gradually turned the deficit into a small surplus.*

*Although the original 2012 budget allowed for a 10% increase, the Water Board is recommending an increase limited to 5% again this year. It has also been agreed to move the annual increase date to later in the year to coincide with the budget process and to enable more accurate expenditure predictions from Water Board Management. The revised budget has therefore been amended on this basis, and is predicting a deficit of £29,915 in 2012, and £64,595 in 2013. Rates will not therefore have been increased for 18 months and the current cumulative RPIX increase over this period equates to 5%.*

*In addition to the above, the Water Board is also recommending the following changes to non-metered supplies:-*

*Sundry charge no 6a - Supply in respect of building in the course of construction – excluding the construction or development to create new buildings or dwellings. It is recommended that this charge for minor works such as construction of driveways, walls, greenhouses and extensions be removed. A majority of those carrying out this type of work to their property tend to use supplied pre-mixed concrete for which water consumption will already effectively been charged.*

*Sundry charge no 10 - Disconnection and reconnection charges– in order to discourage unnecessary disconnection, it is proposed that this charge be increased to a rate equivalent to 2 quarters minimum charge. This would mean that in the majority of cases only those who were intending on not using a supply for 1 year or more would benefit from disconnection.*

*I am pleased to report that the substantial capital investment program continues to be carried out in order to improve the Board's infrastructure and to ensure that the island's water supply can be maintained at an acceptable standard. As the Board has minimal reserves this investment has been funded by way of grants from the States of Alderney, to date totalling in excess of £1.6 million.*

*Phase 1, relating to the installation of the raw water rising main, and stream collection chambers, and Phase 2 relating to improvements to the water filtration have been completed. Phase 3, relating to improved storage facilities by replacing the Trigale tank, is almost complete and Phase 4, relating to replacement of the island's ageing water distribution network has commenced this year and will be continuing over the next few years, with the aim of safely providing a plentiful supply of consistently good-quality water to meet the island's needs.*

*However it should be noted that although we now have adequate water supplies to service the Island that this resource should not be wasted. The cost of collecting and treating the supply continues to rise, with the consequential effect that the increased operating costs need to be met by the income from rates.*

*A draft Ordinance entitled "the States Water Supply (Rates of Charge)(Alderney) Ordinance 2012" is attached, which if approved will bring the revised rates into effect from the quarter commencing 26th December 2012, and will be reflected in the March 2013 Water Rate accounts, as rates are charged in arrears.*

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

*W Walden  
Chairman, General Services Committee"*

**The States is asked to approve the States Water Supply (Rates of Charge) (Alderney) Ordinance 2012**

**Item V      Replacement Harbour Crane**

**The following letter has been received from Mr Walden, Chairman of the General Services Committee:-**

*"The Harbour's main crane is used for the discharge and loading of all cargo that arrives and departs by sea, excepting that carried and discharged from bulk hydrocarbon tankers. This amounts to 99% of the goods imported into Alderney and*

*includes general mixed cargo, dangerous cargo and bulk cargo. The crane also lifts the majority of local leisure vessels based in Braye. The Harbour crane is of strategic importance to the economy and wellbeing of Alderney. It is common knowledge that the harbour crane previously used is now inoperable and that the States are currently renting a crane.*

*Since the purchase of the previous crane the operational parameters required of a crane for the Harbour have changed. Vessels have increased in size and with that comes the ability to carry larger individual loads. Significantly the working radius of the larger vessels is further from the quay thereby requiring a crane with increased lifting capability. Accordingly the lifting capability of the new crane will need to be increased to 90 tonnes. Further, inspection of the quay surface shows that over the last two years it has begun to suffer from erosion from the crane's caterpillar tracks*

*To that end, and following investigation of various crane types a mobile (wheeled) crane which fulfils all the Harbour's operational requirements is the preferred option. The Committee has considered purchase, hire purchase and lease options but in view of the high costs associated with the latter two options the Committee recommends outright purchase with an extended warranty and servicing option. The capital expenditure has been included in the budget for 2012/2013.*

*An appraisal of available models which meet the harbour's requirements reveals only one crane type: Sennebogen 680 HMC K1. In the circumstances a single source tender has been approved.*

*The cost of this option would be no more than £730,000.*

*The purchase has been approved by the Policy and Finance Committee*

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

*William Walden  
Chairman"*

**The States is asked to authorise the General Services Committee to purchase a Sennebogen 680 HMC K1 Mobil-Hydraulic-crane at a cost of no more than £730,000.**

**Item VI      The Republic of Guinea-Bissau (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2012**

**The following letter has been received from Mr Beaman, Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee:-**

*"The sanctions imposed by Council Regulation (EU) No 377/2012 were made against the leaders of the military coup d'état which took place in Guinea-Bissau on 12 April 2012 and who also played a leading role in the mutiny on 1 April 2010. Measures have been put in place due to the threat against the freedom and security of citizens, to call for the release of those held in illegal detention and to call for the end to violence and intimidation against the political leaders and civil society representatives. The measures include an asset freeze on six leaders of the coup and a travel ban which had a direct effect in the EU. It is proposed that domestic legislation is implemented to adopt these measures and include enforcement measures and penalties.*

*To implement the measures contained in Council Regulation (EU) No 377/2012, 'The Republic of Guinea-Bissau (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2012'*

*has been drafted under the provisions of the European Communities Implementation (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1994 a copy of which is attached for approval.*

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

*John Beaman  
Chairman"*

**The States is asked to approve "The Republic of Guinea-Bissau (Restrictive Measures) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2012"**

**Item VII      The Housing (Exemptions) (No 2) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2012**

**The following letter has been received from Mr Sargent, Chairman of the Building & Development Control Committee:-**

*"Alderney Housing Association Limited wishes to construct dwellings on land forming parcel AY 2341 at Platte Saline, Alderney, GY9 3XF. In order for approval of any such development to be given by the Building and Development Control Committee, Alderney Housing Association Limited needs to be prescribed as a person exempted from Section 33 of the Building and Development Control (Alderney) Law, 2002, as amended. I attach, for this purpose, the proposed Housing (Exemptions)(No.2)(Alderney) Ordinance, 2012.*

*I would be grateful if the Housing (Exemptions) (No.2) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2012 could be placed before the States when it next meets together with an appropriate proposition.*

*G Sargent  
Chairman"*

**The States is asked to approve "The Housing (Exemptions) (No.2) (Alderney) Ordinance, 2012".**

**Item VIII      Questions and Reports**

**Issued: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012**