

**States Waterboard Meeting
Anne French Room
Tuesday 9th September 2014
12:30pm**

Present:

Mr C Rowley, Chairman	Mrs K A Hatcher-Gaudion, Treasurer/Interim Chief Executive
Mr R Berry	Mr T Walley, Engineering Assistant
Mrs N Paris	Mrs E O'Toole, Minute Secretary
Mr S Roberts	
Mr I Tugby	

Apologies: Ms J Turner, States Engineer

37/2014 **Minutes of previous meeting of 9th July 2014** tabled and approved.

38/2014 **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes** None.

39/2014 **Water Board**

39.1 Capital Projects – Water Phase 3 and 4 Report from the Water Board manager tabled and noted.

39.2 Water Consumption Report – July & August 2014 tabled and noted.

39.2.1 Battery Quarry Electricity Consumption – July & August 2014 tabled and noted.

39.3 Water Board Major Works Report – July & August 2014 tabled and noted.

39.4 Water Board Management Accounts – June & July 2014 tabled and noted.

39.5 Water Board – Water Rates Increase 2014 Paper from Treasury dated 8th September 2014 tabled and considered. The Treasurer advised that the Finance Committee considered the draft budget at its meeting on the 4th September and is recommending, although a small surplus is projected, that the Committee should consider at least an RPIX increase in Water Rates for 2015 in order to avoid large increases in the future as it was previously agreed that the Water Board should aim to meet its operating costs each year to avoid a continuing deficit.

It was also noted that the wage and salary costs are artificially low due to recoveries from capital projects, and the Board has received significant investment by way of SoA Grants amounting to £2.1M which would otherwise have been paid by Water Board reserves if they had been available. The table presented illustrated the effect of various percentage increases.

RESOLVED by majority (Mr Roberts against) to approve an RPIX increase of 2.1% on all Water Rate charges, including minimum and standing charges, with effect from the 26th December 2014.

Item to be placed on the next P&F agenda for approval.

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39.6 Budget 2015 & Revised Budget 2014 and Budget Report from Treasury dated 27th August 2014 and tabled and considered.

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Budget 2015, with the appropriate amendment made on the income from Water Rates charges as per the previous resolution, and Revised Budget 2014.

Item to be placed on the next P&F agenda for approval.

TREASURY /P&F

39.7 Any other matters relating to the Water Board None.

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Sewage

40.1 Mouriaux to Platte Saline Sewage Project Paper from the States Engineer dated 1st September 2014 tabled and discussed. The Committee noted that the project has now gone out to tender for the pumpstation and the pipework with the return date set as the 12th September 2014. **Noted**

Mr Tugby queried whether the tenders for the pumpstation had only been sent to off island contractors; Mr Walley advised that the States Engineer and Mott McDonald had determined which contracts those tenders were sent to and that he did not have that information to hand. **Noted**

40.2 St Martin's Drainage – Referral from Finance Committee No paper presented therefore item deferred.

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Any Other Business None.

Meeting closed 12:50pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 14th October 2014

Signed: Mr C Rowley

Dated: 14th October 2014