

Council of Ministers

(20th Meeting)

20th December 2022**Part A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Social Security, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister (for items A1-A2, B1, part of item B2 and items B3-B4)

Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development

Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture

Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North, Minister for Children and Education

Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for Treasury and Resources

Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour, Minister for External Relations and Financial Services

Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing and Communities

Deputy H.M. Miles of St. Brelade, Minister for Home Affairs

Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment

Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure

Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement, Minister for Health and Social Services (for items A1-A2 and B1-B3 only)

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables

Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John, Assistant Chief Minister

M.H. Temple, K.C., H.M. Attorney General

L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States

S. Wylie, OBE, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey

R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for items A1 and B1 only)

T. Walker, Director General, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for a time)

I. Burns, Director General, Customer and Local Services Department (for items A1 and B1 only)

K. Nutt, Director General, External Relations Department (for items B3 and B4 only)

R. Smith, Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police (for items A1 and B1 only)

T. Le Feuvre, Director, External Relations Department (for items B3 and B4 only)

D. Danino-Forsyth, Director of Communications, Office of the Chief Executive (for a time)

P. Roberts, Senior External Relations Advisor, External Relations Department (for items B3 and B4 only)

L. Ament, Policy Principal (Competition and Intellectual Property), Office of the Chief Executive (for items B3 and B4 only)
J. Pennell, London Office (for items B3 and B4 only)
C. Dodd, Principal Engineer, Road Network Management, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department (for item B2 only)
N. Downing, Road Safety Specialist, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department (for item B2 only)
L. Phillips, Senior Policy Officer for Transport, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for item B2 only)
D. Le Marquand, Private Secretary to the Chief Minister
K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

Recovery
update on Haut
du Mont.

A1. The Council of Ministers, following the explosion which had occurred at the Haut du Mont flats in the early hours of 10th December 2022, welcomed Mr. R. Bell, Treasurer of the States and Chair of the Recovery Co-ordination Group, Mr. I. Burns, Director General, Customer and Local Services Department and Chair of the Community Cell and Mr. R. Smith, Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police and Chair of the Strategic Co-ordination Group and heard from them in connexion therewith.

The Council recalled that the Jersey Resilience Forum was chaired by Mrs. S. Wylie, OBE, Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey ('CEO') and was a multi-agency organisation comprising representatives from Government, the critical national infrastructure and members of the voluntary sector, who acted as emergency responders and were brought together in a cohesive fashion in order to make plans and organise. A Strategic Co-ordination Group ('SCG') had been established in relation to the Haut du Mont incident, which was chaired by the Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police and would have, as part of its remit, the requirement to maintain evidence. A Recovery Co-ordination Group ('RCG') was currently also operating in tandem, meeting twice weekly and chaired by the Treasurer of the States, with oversight from the CEO and this Group would ultimately take over from the SCG as the operation moved from one of transition to recovery. A number of sub-groups, known as 'Cells', had also been set up, including the Community Cell led by the Director General, Customer and Local Services Department, a Financial Cell, an Environment and Infrastructure Cell and a Health and Wellbeing Cell, which would provide help and support to those significantly impacted by the incident.

The Director General, Customer and Local Services Department, informed the Council that Andium Homes had taken the lead in providing immediate support and the Community Cell had been established, which comprised representatives from the Customer and Local Services Department, social workers and the community, in order to ensure that the 41 displaced residents received the care they required. The Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police, expressed thanks to Mr. Burns and his team for all they had done in rehousing those residents who had been affected and providing support. The most recent meeting of the SCG had taken place on 19th December and another was scheduled for the 21st, which could be the last as the transition from a major incident to an investigation phase occurred.

The Chief Minister, Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, expressed her appreciation for the significant efforts of all those who had been involved in the incident and the speed with which the victims had been identified and recovered. She indicated that the Island had been fortunate to receive support from external agencies to assist local responders and was grateful for the sensitivity

with which all concerned had conducted themselves.

Festive wishes.

A2. The Chief Minister, Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, indicated that the Council had completed the majority of its initial work programme and had acted at pace. She thanked all those officers who had worked alongside the Council and wished them a very happy Christmas. She was particularly grateful to those who had responded on the front line over the past few weeks in dealing with the tragic loss of l'Ecume II and the explosion at Haut du Mont. She extended good wishes to the Island's neighbours in France, Guernsey and the United Kingdom, who had contributed to the responses and indicated that Jersey was fortunate to have been so well supported.

The Council expressed its gratitude and good wishes to the Chief Minister.