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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(60th Meeting)

19th October 2016

PART A (Non-exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations, Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for the Environment and Deputy A.E. Pryke of Trinity, Minister for Housing, from whom apologies had been received.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (not present for item B1)
 Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education
 Senator A.K.F. Green, M.B.E., Minister for Health and Social Services
 Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Peter, Minister for Home Affairs
 Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence, Minister for Infrastructure
 Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Social Security
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy S. M. Wickenden, Assistant Chief Minister
 Connétable S.W. Pallett of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for item B3)
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 C. Blackwood, Head of Professional and Care Regulation, Health and Social Services Department (for item B1)
 Dr. S. Turnbull, Medical Officer of Health, (for item B1)
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for item B2)
 R. Summersgill, Comptroller of Taxes and Competent Authority, Treasury and Resources Department (for item B2)
 N. Fox, Head of Policy and Legislation, Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department (for item B3)
 I. Clarkson, Policy Manager, Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department (for item B3)
 K. Nutt, Head of Service, External Relations (for item B4)
 P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers
 M. Clark, States Greffe

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

Minutes.

A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 15th and 21st September 2016 (both Part B only), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

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A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 7th September 2016, and with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department in attendance, noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 1st November 2016 (see also Minute No. B/ of this meeting) and commented specifically on the following:

Draft Commissioner for Standards (Jersey) Law 201- (P.87/2016)

The Council noted that an amendment was required to this proposition and the final version had yet to be agreed.

Public elections: introduction of STV and AV (P.88/2016) and Amendment

The Council, having acknowledged that changes to the electoral system were desirable, nevertheless agreed that any proposals for electoral reform should be fully considered and consulted upon with the public. The Council accordingly supported the Amendment lodged by the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC).

Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Jersey) Law 201- (P.95/2016)

The Council noted that the draft Law updated previously enacted Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) legislation with the aim of making the Jersey LLP the vehicle of choice for both local and international business, and accordingly supported the proposition.

Antarctic Act 2013: extension of sections 14, 15 and 16 to Jersey by Order in Council (P.96/2016)

The Council noted that the extension of the Act would ensure that Jersey remained compliant with its international obligations under the Antarctic Treaty and accordingly supported the proposition.

Public Elections: polling cards and accessibility of polling stations (P.97/2016)

The Council, whilst expressing caution that delivery of the aims of the proposition should be practical and not undermine the robustness of electoral processes or confidence in outcomes.

Jersey Police Complaints Authority: appointment of Chairman (P.104/2016)

The Council, having noted that the proposition was supported by the outgoing Chairman of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority and had been approved by the Jersey Appointments Commission accordingly supported the proposition.

Forthcoming
announcements.

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 7th September 2016, discussed with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department a schedule of forthcoming announcements and communications.

The Council noted the following –

- (a) the Jersey Skills Show had been presented at the weekend by Careers Jersey, supported by Grant Thornton. This had been an exciting, vibrant and interactive careers fair, which had achieved a footfall of just over 3,000 visitors and exhibitors from more than 100 organisations;
- (b) a briefing on the Future Hospital development was to be provided to the media on 19th October 2016;
- (c) ‘Jersey’s Value to Europe’ - investigating the linkages between Jersey and investment and prosperity in the European Union – was to be launched in London on 20th October 2016;

- (d) a response from the Minister for Social Security was to be published shortly (under embargo until 20th October 2016) on the Low Income Review recently undertaken by the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel;
- (e) Les Quennevais Sports Centre had achieved an “excellent” rating in a recent Quest assessment, the first time a Jersey sports centre had done so (Quest was the UK Quality Scheme for Sport and leisure);
- (f) All public service staff in Jersey had been provided with an update on the ongoing Workforce Modernisation Programme;
- (g) The Department for Infrastructure had a ‘car2cycle’ media call – positive feedback had been received from the scheme;
- (h) A reminder was to be put out shortly by the Department for Infrastructure regarding the resurfacing work to be undertaken on a section of St. Aubin’s Inner Road, due to commence on Monday 24th October 2016.