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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(63rd Meeting)

7th December 2016**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations, Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Social Security, and Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Treasury and Resources, from whom apologies for absence were received.

Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister - Chairman
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
 Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education
 Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for the Environment
 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 A.E. Pryke of Trinity, Minister for Housing
 Deputy E.J. Noel of St. Lawrence, Minister for Infrastructure
 Connétable J.M. Refault, of St. Peter, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant Chief Minister
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden, Assistant Chief Minister
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for items B1-B3)
 R. Summersgill, Comptroller of Taxes and Competent Authority, Treasury and Resources Department (for items B1 and B2)
 P. Eastwood, Deputy Comptroller of Taxes, Treasury and Resources Department (for item B1)
 M. Cockerham, Director – Revenue and Immigration, Customs and Immigration Service (for item B1)
 K. Lemasney, Director – High Value Residency, Department of Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (for item B2)
 R. Jouault, Programme Director, States of Jersey Historic Abuse Inquiry Team, Chief Minister’s Department (for item B4)
 Advocate B. Lacey, of Lacey Advocates, Historic Abuse Redress Scheme Lawyer (for item B4)
 T. Walker, Chief Officer, Community and Constitutional Affairs Department (for item B5)
 S. Turnbull, Medical Officer of Health, Health and Social Services Department (for item B5)
 M. Knight, Head of Health Improvement, Health and Social Services Department (for item B5)
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Environment and Lead for Public Sector Reform (for items B6 and B7)

T. McMinigal, Policy and Research Officer, Chief Minister's Department (for item B8)
P. Bradbury, Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department
C. Keir, Assistant Director - Ministerial Support and Communications
P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 13th and 19th October, and 9th and 23rd November 2016 (all Part A and Part B), having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

States business 12.12.2016 and 17.01.2017. 1240/7/1(1) A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 23rd November 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 12th December 2016 and commented specifically on the undermentioned items:

12th December 2016:

Draft Budget Statement 2017 (P.1094/2016) and Amendments
[See Minute No. B1 of this meeting].

Draft Finance (2017 Budget) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.113/2016)
[See Minute No. B1 of this meeting]

Draft Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) (Country-by-Country Reporting: BEPS) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P111/2016)

The Council was fully supportive of the draft Regulations as it recognised that the ratification of country-by-country (CBC) reporting under Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) in Jersey under the multilateral competent authority agreement (MCAA) and consequential adoption of the Regulations would be in accordance with the Island's international obligations and supportive of Jersey's jobs and growth policy.

Jersey Police Complaints Authority: appointment of members (118/2016)
The Council supported the proposition.

Ratification of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on the Exchange of Country-By-Country Reports (P.119/2016)

The Council was fully supportive of the multilateral competent authority agreement (MCAA) and consequential adoption of the Draft Taxation (International Tax Compliance) (Country-by-Country Reporting: BEPS) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.111/2016 refers) as it recognised that the ratification of country-by-country (CBC) reporting in Jersey would be in accordance with the Island's international obligations and supportive of Jersey's jobs and growth policy.

The Council also noted the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 17th January 2017, and gave preliminary consideration to the following -

17th January 2017:

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

The Council noted that this item had been moved to 31st January 2017.

Draft Employment of States of Jersey Employees (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.105/2016)

The Council noted that the Chief Minister was considering a possible amendment to the draft Regulations.

Millennium Town Park: additional open space and public parking (P.123/2016)

The Council, having noted that the Connétable of St. Helier had deferred consideration of his proposition until later in the year (May or June), agreed that it would wish to give consider a draft comment thereon at a subsequent meeting.

Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.124/2016)

The Council noted that the draft Law, promoted by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, sought to enfranchise convicted prisoners who were registered to vote if they were serving sentences of 4 years or less. It was noted that prisoners sentenced for more than 4 years would remain disenfranchised, as would prisoners on the run.

Taxation of High Value Residents (P.127/2016)

[See Minute No. B2 of this meeting]

Future Hospital Funding Strategy (P.130/2016)

The Council noted that the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel had requested a further period of one month in which to complete its review of the funding proposals.

Forthcoming
announcements.

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 19th November 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 Budget 2017 was to be considered by the States Assembly during the week commencing Monday, 12th December 2016;
- (b) the report on the post-implementation review of the High Value Resident (HVR) regime which had been applicable since July 2011 was due to be published on 12th December 2016;
- (c) the Chief Minister was due to speak at the Institute of Directors dinner to be held on 15th December 2016;
- (d) the Tobacco Strategy for the period 2017-2022: ‘Creating a generation of non-smokers’ was due to be published shortly;
- (e) an announcement would be made shortly regarding the new initiative which had been agreed at the Council’s meeting held on 9th November 2016 regarding the reduction in the number of permissions available to businesses to employ newer migrants;
- (f) the Minister for the Environment would shortly be publishing revised planning rules on the length of time a planning permit would remain valid;
- (g) the Minister for the Environment indicated that he would shortly be making an Order to increase planning fees in line with the Retail Prices Index (RPI); and

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- (h) the Minister for Health and Social Services indicated that he also would shortly be increasing fees payable to his department in line with RPI.