

PM/SC/158

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(76th Meeting)

31st May 2017**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Senator I.J. Gorst, Chief Minister, Deputy R.G. Bryans of St. Helier, Minister for Education and Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Social Security, from whom apologies for absence were received.

Senator A.K.F. Green, M.B.E, Minister for Health and Social Services and Deputy Chief Minister - Chairman
 Senator L.J. Farnham, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture (not present for items A3 and B6)
 Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin, Minister for the Environment
 Senator Sir P.M. Bailhache, Minister for External Relations (not present for items A1 and B5)
 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
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean, Minister for Treasury and Resources
 Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade, Assistant Minister for Social Security

In attendance -

Senator P.F. Routier, M.B.E., Assistant to the Chief Minister
 J.D. Richardson, Chief Executive, States of Jersey
 R.J. MacRae, Q.C., H.M. Attorney General (present for items A2, A3 and B6)
 E. Littlechild, Director of Operational Services, Department for Infrastructure (for item B1)
 J. Littlewood, Finance Director, Department for Infrastructure (for item B1)
 R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for items B1 and B2)
 J. Garbutt, Chief Officer, Health and Social Services Department (for item A1)
 R. Williams, Director of System Redesign and Delivery, Health and Social Services Department (for item A1)
 A. Scate, Chief Executive Officer, Department for the Environment and Lead on Public Sector Reform (for item B4)
 R. Buchholz, Principal Planner, Department of the Environment (for item B4)
 P. Bradbury, Director - Corporate Policy, Chief Minister's Department
 P. Monamy, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Health and
Social Care
Governance
Reform: report
and
proposition.
1064/3(26)

A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. B2 of 26th April 2017, discussed with the Chief Officer, and the Director of Systems Redesign and Delivery, Health and Social Services Department (HSSD), a report dated 31st May 2017, concerning a draft report and proposition in relation to a proposed new governance model for health and social care.

Having recalled the background to the present position, the Council noted that the projet proposed the establishment of a System Partnership Board for health and social care which was to be piloted for 3 years. It was considered that the System Partnership Board would deliver –

- greater public voice in strategic decision making;
- increased visibility and transparency for Islanders;
- more clinical and professional influence in strategic decisions at the highest level;
- greater opportunity for the Voluntary and Community Sector to be represented;
- an independent Chairman and Non-Executive Directors, reporting directly to the Minister;
- improved cross-system leadership and partnership working; and
- shared decisions and further improved accountability between service providers.

It was envisaged that the new arrangement would be funded from existing HSSD budgets, at a level of cost totalling £150,000 a year for the Chairman, 3 Non-Executive Directors and officer to support the System Partnership Board and 3 advisory groups. The Board would comprise representatives from across health and social care, public and patients, clinical and professional representatives and the voluntary and community sector.

The Council, having considered a revised proposition which provided a greater level of detail, accordingly approved the projet and decided to lodge it ‘au Greffe’ in the name of the Council of Ministers, with a view to it being taken into consideration by the States Assembly on 18th July 2017.

The officers were directed to take the necessary action.

States business
06.06.2017.
1240/7/1(1)

A2. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 10th May 2017, discussed with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 6th June 2017 and commented specifically on the undermentioned items:

Draft EU Legislation (Information Accompanying Transfers of Funds) (Jersey) Regulations 201-) (P.31/2017)

The Council noted that the draft Regulations were critical to allow Jersey to continue to be provided with a derogation from the European Commission so as to be considered to be part of the United Kingdom Payments Area, whereby reduced ‘Complete Information on Paper’ (CIP) could be provided with a wire transfer which was required for the operation of payments systems such as BACS. The Council accordingly supported the draft Regulations.

Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 9) Law 201- (P.18/2017) and Amendments and Addendum

The Council noted that the draft Law would give effect to the adoption of P.133/2016 by the States Assembly on 2nd February 2017, such that the number of Deputies in the Assembly should be 28 and that they should be elected from 6 districts, in accordance with the table to be substituted at Schedule 1 to the Law. The Council recognised that, as an agreed position within the Council was not required, Ministers would therefore have a free vote.

La Collette Low Rise Development: protection of existing amenity space and tress – direction to Andium Homes Limited (P.22/2017) and Amendment

Senator P.F. Routier declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the meeting, taking no part in the discussion or resolution of this item. The Council noted that the proposition sought to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources to direct Andium Homes Limited to redesign their development proposals for the site, in order to maintain the amenity space and trees between La Collette Low Rise and its border with Green Street. Having noted the comments provided by the Strategic Housing Unit, the Council decided to present a comment to the States Assembly which highlighted the potential for the Assembly to make decisions inconsistent with the agreed Island Plan (which decisions would not be subject to challenge), and also the material public interest consideration whereby such a direction as that proposed would place publicly-owned developers at a disadvantage to private developers in relation to the planning process. The Council accordingly rejected the proposition.

Draft Income Support (Amendment No. 15) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.23/2017)

The Council, having recalled that the States had, on 14th March 2017, adopted changes to the funding of Family Nursing and Home Care, noted that the draft Regulations would give effect to the new arrangements, introducing a new, flexible personal care component to the Income Support system. The Council accordingly supported the draft Regulations.

Chief Minister: term limit (P.24/2017)

The Council noted that the proposition sought the agreement of the States –

- (a) that no person should be elected to the office of Chief Minister more than twice;
- (b) that no person who had been elected to the office of Chief Minister, or who had acted as Chief Minister during an electoral term to which some other person had originally been elected Chief Minister, should be elected to the office of Chief Minister on more than one subsequent occasion; and
- (c) to request the Privileges and Procedures Committee to bring forward amendments to the States of Jersey Law 2005, as well as any necessary Standing Orders changes, to give effect to the proposition before the end of 2017.

The Council recognised that, as an agreed position within the Council was not required, Ministers would therefore have a free vote.

Forthcoming
announcements.

A3. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 26th April 2017, discussed with the Director – Corporate Policy, Chief Minister’s Department, a schedule of forthcoming announcements and communications.

The Council, having considered a list of scheduled forthcoming announcements/ events/debates and the associated communication plan covering the period commencing 22nd May, through June and up to late July 2017, also noted the following –

- (1) that the Minister for Infrastructure proposed to hold a further sale of ‘cherished’ number plates on 10th June 2017;
- (2) that an announcement regarding the appointment of the new Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police would be made in due course; and
- (3) that, having recognised that the Report of the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry was due to be published on Monday, 3rd July 2017, a number of States members had formally requested the Bailiff to convene a meeting of the States on Friday 7th July 2017, in order to hold an in committee debate on the Report.