Council of Ministers

(25th Meeting)

7th March 2023

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour, Minister for External Relations and Financial Services and Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister

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 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 M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Social Security

Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement, Minister for Health and Social Services

In attendance -

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

Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Assistant Minister for the Environment (for item B3 only)

Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement, Assistant Chief Minister

M. Jowitt, K.C., H.M. Solicitor General

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

R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (for item B2 only)

L. Henry, Chief Executive Officer, States of Jersey Development Company (for part of item B1 only)

A. Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department (for items A2, B1 and B3 only)

D. Danino-Forsyth, Director of Communications, Office of the Chief Executive (for part of item B1 and items B2-B3 only)

A. Hacquoil, Group Director, Strategic Finance, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B2 only)

Dr. L. Magris, Acting Group Director, Strategy and Innovation, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for items A2, B1 and B3 only)

L. Phillips, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for items A2 and B1 only)

S. Robinson, Head of Shareholder Relations, Treasury and Exchequer (for item B2 only)

L. Chipperfield, Head of Communications, Office of the Chief Executive (for part of item B1 and items B2-B3 only)

P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office

K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

Minutes.

A1. The Minutes of the meetings of the Council of Ministers of 24th January (Parts A and B), 30th January (Part A only) and 31st January (Parts A and B), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed, subject to the correction of one minor typographical error. Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister, thanked the Secretariat Officer, States Greffe, for the accuracy of the Minutes.

Forthcoming business – development of Town Masterplan.

A2. The Council of Ministers discussed the following item of public business, which was scheduled to be debated by the States Assembly at the meeting that was due to commence on 21st March 2023 –

Development of Town Masterplan (P.9/2023)

The Council noted that this Proposition, which had been lodged 'au Greffe' by Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier, requested the Minister for Treasury and Resources to instruct the States of Jersey Development Company to cease working on the redevelopment of the Waterfront until such time as a Masterplan for the future development of St. Helier had been approved by the States Assembly.

It also requested the Minister for Infrastructure to finalise work on the walking, bus, cycling and parking strategies, that had been due to be developed as part of the Sustainable Transport Plan, in order that they could inform a Town Masterplan. It further sought the establishment of a working group by the Minister for the Environment, comprising States Members and local officials, who would review those plans and studies that had been commissioned by Government and would consult with stakeholders and Islanders, before bringing forward a Town Masterplan for debate by the States Assembly in advance of the Summer 2024.

Having discussed the Proposition at length, the Council agreed that the Ministers referenced within the Proposition, namely the Ministers for Treasury and Resources, Infrastructure and the Environment should meet with the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister outside the formal setting of the meeting, to consider how the Council should respond thereto, mindful that the deadline for lodging an Amendment would be 14th March 2023. It was further agreed that other Ministers would be updated on progress.