COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

(43rd Meeting)

29th January 2020

PART A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Senator J.A.N Le Fondré, Chief Minister, Senator L.J. Farnham, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture and Senator T.A. Vallois, Minister for Education, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement, Minister for Treasury and Resources

Senator S.Y. Mézec, Minister for Children and Housing

Senator I.J. Gorst, Minister for External Relations

Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen, Minister for Health and Social Services

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Minister for Home Affairs

Deputy J. H. Young, Minister for the Environment

Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour, Minister for Infrastructure

Deputy C.F. Labey, Minister for International Development

Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier, Minister for Social Security

In attendance -

Connétable R. A. Buchanan, Assistant Chief Minister

Deputy S. Wickenden, Assistant Chief Minister

Deputy L.B.E. Ash of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Resources

C. Parker, Chief Executive, States of Jersey

M.H. Temple, Q.C., H.M. Solicitor General

Dr. M. Mathias, Group Director, Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance

P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Support, Office of the Chief Executive

G. Bowles, Group Director, Modernisation and Digital, Chief Operating Office (item B2 only)

M. Thomas, Director, Risk And Audit, Treasury and Exchequer (items B3 and B4 only)

C. Madden Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief Executive (item B4 only)

L. Utting, Senior Audit and Governance Officer, Treasury and Exchequer (item B4 only)

Dr. A. Muller, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance,

Strategic Policy, Performance and Planning (item B5 only) R. Bell, Treasurer of the States (items B5 and B7(a) only)

T. Walker, Director General for Strategic Policy, Performance and Planning (item B5 only)

A. Heaven, Director of Children's Policy, Strategic Policy,

Performance and Planning (item B6 only)

M. Rogers, Director General for Children, Young People, Education and Skills (Item B6 only)

A. Rogers, Group Director, Investment Appraisal and Business

Management, Treasury and Exchequer (item B7(a) only)

M. Clark, Clerk to the Council of Ministers

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

States Business, 4th February 2020. A1. The Council, with reference to its Minute No. A1 of 15th January 2020, discussed with the Head of Ministerial Support, Office of the Chief Executive, the list of public business scheduled for consideration by the States Assembly on 4th February 2020 and commented specifically on the following:

Affordable access to Primary Care Scheme (P.125/2019)

The Council noted that Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier sought the approval of the Assembly to request the Minister for Health and Social Services, in consultation with the Council of Ministers, to devise a scheme which improved upon (and removed potential barriers to) access to primary care for patients who were financially, clinically or socially vulnerable.

The Minister for Health and Social Services, Deputy R.J. Renouf of St. Ouen, outlined his own amendment to the proposition, which was intended to focus activity on financial vulnerability and offer a flexible timescale within which service improvements that were already funded could be implemented in 2021. The Council accordingly agreed that the proposition, as amended by the Minister's amendment, should be supported.