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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 25th JUNE 2021 AT 1.00 PM

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services, Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers
The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, and acting Minister for Health and Finance Mr Kenneth Hodge
The Honourable Premier (Ag) and Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes
The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce, Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources, Mr Kyle Hodge
The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
- ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Permanent Secretary for Health, Mr M Foster Rogers
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers
Director of the CDU, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw

Commissioner of Police, Mr David Lynch

ABSENT: The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,
Dr Ellis Webster

EX MIN 21/207 **COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The health team provided an update to Council on Thursday 24th June and were required to present additional information. The health team have now prepared for Council's consideration, a proposal detailing the number of persons in Anguilla that will be eligible to be tested on June 30, and a plan containing an operationally phased approach to testing these persons out of quarantine, taking into consideration operational liability, health exposure and risks.

The Commissioner of Police updated Council, salient points as follows:

- No resources have been allocated to fund the management of persons in quarantine after July 1.
- The budgetary allocation to fund border security has not been determined and there is no provision within the budget to fund the expenses associated with an outbreak of COVID-19.
- The special constables should have been issued with termination letters but this has not been done yet, because the decision on resourcing is outstanding. The budget for special constables has been exceeded.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted the health teams recommendation that front line workers should be fully vaccinated;

- 3) noted that after July 1 if any positive cases are identified the protocols remain the same, the positive person must isolate at their residence/hotel, their family and known contacts must quarantine and contact tracing will be completed;
- 4) noted the Supplementary Budget presented for July, August and September 2021, agreed to consider cost saving measures and make a determination on the budget by Round Robin. The boat licensing fees may enable some costs to be recovered. The expenses for the special constables were not included and these are being worked up by the PS Finance;
- 5) noted that herd immunity has not been obtained and the Exit Strategy was predicated on this, neighbouring islands are experiencing increasing case numbers, currently testing capacity is stretched and there is a need to protect the public;
- 6) noted the health teams concern about breakthrough infections in other jurisdictions and their concerns about allowing persons to exit quarantine early on June 30. Noted the rationale that allowing more people to remain in quarantine reduces the risk of potential exposure to COVID-19. Anguilla has to co-exist with COVID-19 in a considered and managed way;
- 7) noted that the Ministry of Health has considered the logistical arrangements required to enable all fully vaccinated persons to be tested for discharge from quarantine on July 1. The Ministry requested and reviewed arrivals data to estimate the number of persons arriving to Anguilla between June 24 - 29 that would be eligible for discharge from quarantine under the new conditions applicable on July 1;
- 8) noted that the Ministry is presently scheduled to collect field samples for quarantine discharge/onward travel for a number of persons between July 27 - 30, according to entry portal data;
- 9) noted that based on the foregoing approximately 555 persons would be eligible for testing on June 30. The processing of tests would take almost 28 hours, but it would be longer if there were positive test results;

- 10) approved the proposed quarantine exit testing arrangements, with testing being done from June 30 to July 3, according to the health teams schedule. This is better logistically and maximizes resources in terms of field staff and laboratory staff. The testing will be organized so as to maintain the preferred minimum of 4 days between arrival testing and quarantine exit testing, where possible. Persons arriving June 29 - 30 shall be tested on July 2 - 3 respectively, at the earliest;
- 11) agreed that the requirement to wear masks in public indoor places and places where physical distancing is not possible, shall continue until July 30;
- 12) agreed that the position with respect to unaccompanied unvaccinated minors will be reviewed by Council on Monday 28th June, after the health team provide their recommendations;
- 13) agreed that budgetary provision will be made in order to fund border security costs of approximately US\$95,093.60, US\$71,093.60 and US\$71,093.60 for July, August and September respectively, as indicated by the Commissioner of Police. A total of US\$237,280.80;
- 14) agreed the following variations to Phase 1 of the Exit Strategy due to commence July 1, as follows:
 - a) all visitors 18 years and older to Anguilla are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at least three weeks before arrival. Exemption only for pregnant women accompanying other fully vaccinated visitors or traveling alone;
 - b) on arrival testing for all arriving passengers to be continued at ports until the vaccination uptake criterion is met. Based on projections this would continue for July and into mid-August;
 - c) for multi-generational families comprised of fully vaccinated persons and unvaccinated children under the age of 18 years and/or pregnant woman; the unvaccinated persons in these groups will be required to produce a negative RT-PCR test 3-5 days ahead of

arrival, undertake on arrival testing and undergo a subsequent RT-PCR test on Day 4. Persons will not be under quarantine from arrival to Day 4 testing;

- d) all persons are required to produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days before entry;
- e) persons with evidence of full COVID-19 vaccination with a UK MHRA approved vaccine only, will not be required to quarantine on arrival, if the final vaccine dose is administered at least three weeks before date of arrival; and
- f) unvaccinated returning residents will be required to:
 - Produce a negative COVID-19 test 3-5 days prior to arrival;
 - Undergo arrival testing; and
 - Quarantine for 10 days in approved accommodation; and

15) reviewed the existing COVID-19 related Regulations which expire on June 30 and approved the amendment, to reflect the agreed recommendations in Section 14 and extension of the following from 1 July 2021 until 30 July 2021:

- a) Public Health (Regulation of Ports) Regulations;
- b) Public Health (COVID-19 Monitoring of Approved Businesses) Regulations;
- c) Public Health (Quarantine) (COVID-19) Regulations;
- d) Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance);
- e) Emergency (COVID-19 Border Control) Regulations; and
- f) Public Health (Landing of Passengers) (Special Exemptions) Regulations.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN;
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