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MINUTES OF THE 201st MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment, and Health, Dr. Ellis Webster

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, Mr. Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, and Tourism, Mr. Haydn Hughes

Acting Attorney General, Mr. Ivor Greene

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

IN ATTENDANCE: Financial Advisor Mr. Evarist Mwesigye

Head of the Governor's Office, Mr. Orlando Ames-Lewis

The Honorable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson

ABSENT: The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and

Environment, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

EX MIN 24/250 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Financial Advisor and Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 200th Executive Council Meeting held on Thursday, 12th September 2024.

EX MIN 24/251

EX MEMO 24/177 Application for Duty and Tax Exemption by Zuleka Fraser of the Anguillian Alumni

Financial Advisor, Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance briefed Council. The Anguillian Alumni, founded by Ms. Zuleka Fraser is a registered non-profit organisation created as an initiative to advance learning on the island of Anguilla. In anticipation of establishing their office, the Anguillian Alumni is requesting that the items purchased be exempted from Import Customs Duty and the Goods and Services Tax.

Specific provision is made in the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 for imports of goods by non-profit organizations in furtherance of their activities with the approval of the Executive Council subject to several conditions. It is requested that Executive Council consider and advise on the application.

Executive Council approved the application with a duty and tax loss of EC\$3,944.04 on the items including electronic equipment, furniture, and stationery and cleaning products.

Action: PAS, FIN.; PS, FIN.; HON. PREM.

EX MIN 24/252

EX MEMO 24/178 Approval of the Dive Tourism Policy- A Holistic Approach for Anguilla

Financial Advisor, Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism briefed Council. The aim of the Dive Tourism Policy is to manage, regulate, police and protect the marine ecosystems. Through introducing sustainable practices, a pathway will be paved to generate additional economic activity which will ultimately benefit the people of

Anguilla. Executive Council Minute 24/225 notes Council's general support of the Dive Tourism Policy and suggestions. As such, the Dive Tourism Policy has returned to Council for consideration.

Executive Council noted and approved the Dive Tourism Policy- A Holistic Approach for Anguilla.

Action: PS, MICUH&T (Ag.); HON. MIN. MICUH&T.

ORAL MENTIONS

EX MIN 24/253

Remote Learning at Public Schools During Particular Circumstances

Financial Advisor, Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

It was noted that the Honourable Minister for Education plans to submit a paper to Executive Council on a policy regarding a switch to remote learning at all public schools during unsafe weather conditions, particularly heat waves, and planned electricity outages. It was noted that the Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism is to write to the Anguilla Electricity Company Ltd. ("Anglec") Board to request advanced notices of electricity outages.

Action: EXCO CLK; EXCO MEMBERS; HON. MIN. MICUH&T.

EX MIN 24/254

Procurement Issues in Relation to Road-Side Cleaning
Financial Advisor, Head of Governor's Office and the Hon.
Parliamentary Secretary remained.

It was noted that the procurement process through the Public Procurement Office has caused significant delays in the progressing of road-side cleaning. It was suggested that advice be requested by MICUH&T from the Attorney General Chambers on whether the current legislation allows for establishment of a policy to circumvent the procurement process to avoid delays.

Action: EXCO CLK; EXCO MEMBERS; PS MICUH&T; HON. MIN. MICUH&T.

EX MIN 24/255

HE the Governor's Work Trip to London

Financial Advisor, Head of Governor's Office and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

HE the Governor provided a synopsis of her trip to London to attend the Heads of Mission Leadership Conference 2024 and discussed some of the current priorities of the UK Government.

Action: EXCO CLERK; EXCO MEMBERS.
