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## MINUTES OF THE 64<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism, Lands & Physical Planning

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development

The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Environment, Human Rights, Gender Affairs, Constitutional Affairs and Information and Broadcasting

The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture and Fisheries and Information Technology

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary

Mr Marc Bienvenu, Property Tax Consultant Mr Kiel Connor, Comptroller, Inland Revenue

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAFIT

Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer Mr Bancroft Battick, Chief Engineer, DICUH Mr Fabian M. Fahie, Chairman, AASPA Mr Bill Granfield, Member, AASPA

#### EX MIN 16/528 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### EX MIN 16/529 EX MIN 16/516 PROPERTY TAX IMPLEMENTATION

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. Messrs Kiel Connor, Comptroller, Inland Revenue and Marc Bienvenu, Property Tax Consultant joined the Meeting.

Further to EX MIN 16/516 of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Council noted the presentation by the Property Tax Consultant on the property tax arrangement and the introduction of payment plans. Council agreed that the Consultant should draft a paper in collaboration with the relevant personnel detailing the proposals to be submitted to Executive Council on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 for consideration.

Action: HON DG; CIR; MINS OF GOV'T

#### EX MIN 16/530 EX MIN 16/517 CLAYTON J LLOYD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CJLIA)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Messrs Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAFIT, Fabian M. Fahie, Chairman, AASPA and Bill Granfield, Member, AASPA joined the Meeting.

With reference to EX MIN 16/517 of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Council noted the update by Mr Fabian M. Fahie, Chairman, AASPA on the Clayton J Lloyd International Airport (CJLIA) with regard to the safety and security instructions by the Air Safety Support International (ASSI) for the CJLIA. Mr Fahie stated that Mr Allen Barnett, Airport Consultant had arrived in Anguilla and would be working speedily in collaboration with managers at the airport and other airport users. The team was looking not just at programmes to ensure that the present deficiencies at the CJLIA would not recur, but also aiming to build a robust security operation that would exceed the minimum standards.

Mr Fahie further stated that in addition, an External Audit Consultant would be recruited to carry out an internal audit of the CJLIA. Any changes emanating from that audit would be made and would be reviewed with the Internal Auditor. Council was informed that officials at the CJLIA held weekly conference calls with ASSI.

Action: MINS OF GOV'T; PS, MICUHAFIT

## EX MIN 16/531 EX MIN 16/527 EX MEM 16/330 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR ANGUILLA MUSIC ACADEMY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 16/527 of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Council noted the final figures and confirmation of duty loss calculations from the Customs Department concerning the Anguilla Music Academy, and that the paper would be presented to the House of Assembly at its sitting on Tuesday 6 September 2016.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

## EX MIN 16/532 EX MIN 16/481 EX MEM 16/298 THE NATIONAL SCHOOL HEALTH POLICY AND ACTION PLAN

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 16/481 of 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Council agreed that the matter should be deferred again until further notice.

Action: PS, HSD; PS, ELSYC

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Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the names highlighted in bold on the attached list should be granted financial assistance for 2015/2016 according to the areas approved by Executive Council.

The Hon Deputy Governor informed Council that he had requested a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting from the Training Policy Committee and also details concerning scholarship awards.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: HON DG; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

#### EX MIN 16/534

# EX MEM 16/332 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PROJECT FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ADVICE ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. Messrs Larry Franklin, PS, MICUHAFIT, Fabian M. Fahie, Chairman, AASPA and Bill Granfield, Member, AASPA remained for discussion. Mr Bancroft Battick, Chief Engineer, DICUH and Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer joined the Meeting.

#### Council:-

- (i) noted the draft Memorandum of Understanding for Project Funding for 'Provision of Technical Advice on Infrastructure Development to the Government of Anguilla';
- (ii) welcomed the commitment of the UK Government to consider support for a series of supply side economic reforms including infrastructure improvements in relation to access to Anguilla;
- (iii) noted the importance that the UK Government go beyond just technical advice and reports and provide timely, real and meaningful financial intervention into the social and economic infrastructure of Anguilla;

- (iv) noted the importance for some of the various initiatives to be undertaken in parallel and not consecutively;
- (v) endorsed in principle the Memorandum of Understanding for Project Funding for 'Provision of Technical Advice on Infrastructure Development to the Government of Anguilla';
- (vi) noted the terms of reference at Appendix A of the draft Memorandum of Understanding; and
- (vii) authorised the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding when it is finalised.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; CHIEF ENG; CEO, AASPA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; CPO; MINS OF GOV'T

#### EX MIN 16/535 <u>EX MEM 16/333 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PROJECT</u> FUNDING FOR ROAD BAY JETTY NEW BUILD PROJECT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. PS, MICUHAFIT, Chief Engineer, DICUH, Chief Project Officer, Chairman, AASPA and Member, AASPA remained for discussion.

#### Council:-

- (i) Endorsed the 'Road Bay Jetty New Build Project' as the way forward;
- (ii) noted the draft Memorandum of Understanding for Project Funding for 'Road Bay Jetty New Build Project';
- (iii) continued to welcome the commitment of the FCO and UK Government to consider UK support for the second phase of the Road Bay Jetty project;
- (iv) noted that the UK Minister in his correspondence of May 2016 indicated the need to ensure that costs are both affordable and maximise value for money. Given the economic condition in Anguilla, the revised request from the AASPA aims to maximise value for money in the investment of the Road Bay Jetty;
- (v) endorsed in principle the Memorandum of Understanding for Project Funding for 'Road Bay Jetty New Build Project';
- (vi) noted the terms of reference at Appendix A of the draft Memorandum of Understanding; and
- (vii) authorised the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding when it is finalised.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; CHIEF ENG; CEO, AASPA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; CPO; MINS OF GOV'T

#### EX MIN 16/536 EX MEM 16/334 CHANGE IN CHAIRMANSHIP OF TVET COUNCIL

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

#### Council:-

- (i) noted that Executive Council previously approved the appointment of the TVET Council to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015;
- (ii) noted that Mr Joslyn Lake was named as Chairman of the TVET Council, but due to other commitments, he was unable to continue in this position. He however was willing to serve as a Member of the Council; and
- (iii) supported the recommendation that Mr Alfred Thompson, who is currently a Member of the TVET Council should be appointed as Chairman of the Council.

Action: PS, ELSYC; CEO; ESP; HON MIN, HSD

## EX MIN 16/537 EX MEM 16/335 FILLING THE VACANT POST OF CASHIER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

#### Council:-

- (i) noted that the Cashier at the Department of Social Development has retired from the Anguilla Public Service;
- (ii) noted that the views of all the Permanent Secretaries had been sought in relation to the filling of the post and a favourable response given;
- (iii) additionally noted that budgetary provisions were already in place for the post; and
- (iv) agreed that the post of Cashier in the Department of Social Development should be filled.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HSD; PS, PA; CSD; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

#### EX MIN 16/538 **EX MEM 16/336 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS A**

[note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. The Hon Minister of Social Development declared an interest due to familial relations.

Council agreed that Ms. A, who is employed in the Immigration Department should be paid her deferred salary in the sum of EC\$16,271.58 to assist her with costs associated with her medical condition.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: CIO; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

#### EX MIN 16/539 EX MEM 16/337 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY - MR B

[note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Mr B, who is employed as by the Anguilla Public Service should be paid his deferred salary in the sum of EC\$10,428.43 to assist him with costs associated with his common law wife's medical condition.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: CFO; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

#### EX MIN 16/540 **EX MEM 16/338 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MR C**

[note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Mr C, who is employed as a Firefighter in the Anguilla Fire and Rescue Service should be paid his deferred salary in the sum of EC\$10,428.43 to assist him with costs associated with his wife's medical condition.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: CFO; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

#### EX MIN 16/541 **EX MEM 16/339 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS D**

[note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Ms. D, who is employed in the Immigration Department should be paid her deferred salary in the sum of EC\$10, 861.75 to assist her with costs associated with her medical condition.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: CIO; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

#### EX MIN 16/542 EX MEM 16/340 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – PC E

[note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that PC E, who is employed in the Royal Anguilla Police Force should be paid her deferred salary in the sum of EC\$17,849.10 to assist her with costs associated with her medical condition.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: COP; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

#### EX MIN 16/543 EX MEM 16/341 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MR F

[note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Mr F, who is employed in the Anguilla Fire and Rescue Service should be paid his deferred salary in the sum of EC\$11,219.86 to assist him with costs associated with his medical condition.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: CFO; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; ACC GEN

#### **ORAL MENTION**

#### EX MIN 16/544 **OFFICIAL VISIT TO FRENCH, SAINT MARTIN**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

HE The Governor informed Council that she would be travelling to French Saint Martin on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016, accompanied by the Commissioner of Police, the Chief Immigration Officer and the Deputy Comptroller, Customs Department for an official visit with the Prefete, Madame Anne Laubies on matters of mutual interest.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

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