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MINUTES OF THE 84TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2017

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: Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN

Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, Compliance Officer

EX MIN 17/38 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 83rd Meeting held on Thursday 26th January

2017.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 17/39 None

EX MIN 17/40 EX MEM 17/25 REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES FOR RAPF

Council:-

- (i) agreed that the following posts (all allowed for in the 2017 Budget), which are essential for the delivery of an effective and efficient Police Service as required under the Police Act should be filled:
 - a) eleven new Police Constables;
 - b) a Senior Scenes of Crime Officer;
 - c) a Junior Scenes of Crime Officer; and
 - d) a Financial Investigations Unit Analyst
- (ii) noted the decision by the RAPF that the following two (2) further positions allowed for in the 2017 Police Budget should not be filled at this stage:
 - a) a Digital Forensic Investigator; and
 - b) an HR/Finance Officer

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

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

EX MIN 17/41

EX MEM 17/26 PERSONAL SAFETY TRAINING (PST) AND THE PROCUREMENT OF PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT (PSE) FOR ALL OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL ANGUILLA POLICE FORCE (RAPF)

Council:-

- (i) noted the RAPF's plans to ensure that officers are fully trained and properly equipped in police 'Use Of Force' techniques in dealing with non-compliant prisoners, so as to provide better protections both to officers and the public;
- (ii) agreed that the US£23k underspend on the Crocus Hill Communications tower be used for the purchase and delivery of Personal Safety Equipment for the RAPF; and
- (iii) noted that agreement to (ii) will thereby release UK approvals for £59k of FCO funding to enable the Personal Safety Training to take place.

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

Action: HE; PS, PA; COP; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PS, MICUHAFIT; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/42

EX MEM 17/27 EU SAVINGS DIRECTIVE REPEAL – SUSPENDING BILATERAL SAVINGS AGREEMENT

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN and Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, Compliance Officer joined the Meeting.

Council authorised the Hon Chief Minister & Minister of Finance to sign the attached letter to be sent to the 28 EU Member States via the FCO/UK Representative notifying them of the Government of Anguilla's intention to suspend the bilateral savings agreement, following the repeal of the EU Savings Directive.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; COM OFF; CIR; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 17/43

EX MEM 17/28 APPROVAL TO SIGN THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MODEL 1B, FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE (FATCA) AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PS, FIN and Compliance Officer remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) ratified the FATCA Regulations as attached;
- (ii) instructed the Ministry of Finance to issue a press statement announcing that Anguilla had entered into an agreement with the US re FATCA and to issue guidance to affected financial institutions on their obligations therein; and
- (iii) noted under Section 13 (3) of the Regulations that the Cayman Islands would have to amend their Regulations to increase the fine to \$5,000.00.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; COM OFF; CIR; DIR, FSC; ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/44

EX MEM 17/29 PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNMENT TO RECOMMIT TO THE HIRING FREEZE AND REVISIT THE PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF POSITIONS TO BE FILLED TO CONTROL THE CONTINUED RISE IN PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS

PS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) supported the efforts by Public Administration to improve the Anguilla Public Service;
- (ii) agreed that any public service posts for consideration by Executive Council must first be discussed with the Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, and further discussion with Permanent Secretaries before submission to Executive Council; and
- (iii) agreed that a further paper should be submitted to Executive Council outlining a step by step guide for the filling of posts.

Action: HON DG; PERM SECS; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/45 **EX MEM 17/30 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – Mr A**

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

Council agreed that Mr A, who is employed in the Royal Anguilla Police Force should be paid his deferred salary in the sum of EC\$22,778.22 to enable him to seek medical attention overseas.

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 17/46 EX MEM 17/31 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS B

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

Council agreed that Ms. B, who is employed in the Royal Anguilla Police Force should be paid her deferred salary in the sum of EC\$19,794.65 to enable her to seek medical attention overseas.

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 17/47

EX MEM 17/32 APPOINTMENT OF MR DEVON CARTER TO THE POST OF CARICOM YOUTH AMBASSADOR FOR THE YEARS 2017-2019

Council:-

- (i) noted that Mr Clemvio Hodge was appointed to serve as Anguilla's CARICOM Youth Ambassador for 2015-2016 by Executive Council on 30 July 2015 (EX MIN 15/458) but subsequently resigned to further his education in the UK;
- (ii) additionally noted that budgetary allocations were in place to support the Youth Ambassador Corps programme; and
- (iii) agreed that Mr Devon Carter should be appointed to serve as Anguilla's CARICOM Youth Ambassador for the years 2017-2019.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC; DIR, Y & C; PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/48 EX MEM 17/33 REVIEW OF PROPOSED FDI PROJECTS IN ANGUILLA

PS, FIN and Compliance Officer remained for discussion.

Council reviewed the draft agreement for Conch Bay Development Limited and agreed the recommendations as outlined in the attached Corporate Report.

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

Action: PS, EDICTLP; COM OFF; PS, FIN; PS, MHA

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 17/49 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Council was informed of the following dates of travel:-

1) Hon Chief Minister - Friday, 3rd to Friday, 10th February 2017, UK, Brexit Talks

2) Hon Minister of Social Dev - Wednesday, 8th to Saturday 11th February 2017, UWI Jamaica,

University Finance Committee and

General Purposes Meeting

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
