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MINUTES OF THE 109TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST 2017

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning

The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs and Education

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTLP

Mr Jerrick Evangelista, Manager, Audit and Advisory Services, BDO

Mr Claudel Romney, Managing Partner, BDO

Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, MHA

ABSENT: The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,

Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology

EX MIN 17/349 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 108th Meeting held on Thursday 27th July

2017.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 17/350 EX MIN 17/338 EX MEM 17/215 FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION

OF THE ANGUILLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC)

Further to EX MIN 17/338 of 27th July 2017, the Hon Minister for Education informed Council that the Caribbean Development Bank (CBB) had agreed to increase the size of its loan to the Government of Anguilla so as to cover the increased costs of the Anguilla Community College (ACC) development project.

The Government of Anguilla would write formally to the UK Government in week commencing 7 August to secure the necessary approvals for additional borrowing.

Action: PS, ELSYC; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PAS, FIN; BD; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 17/352 **EX MEM 17/217 DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Further to EX MIN 17/340 of 27th July 2017, Council agreed that the paper should be deferred until the Hon Chief Minister was present.

Action: HON AG; HON DG; PS, PA

EX MIN 17/353 EX MEM 17/222 TO APPROVE THE FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2017

Council agreed that the reporting deadline for FATCA for the reporting calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 should be extended to 31st August 2017.

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

EX MIN 17/354 <u>EX MEM 17/223 INCREASE IN SALARY ALLOTMENT DURING STUDY LEAVE</u>

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred.

Action: PS, ELSYC; HON DG; PS, PA

EX MIN 17/355 EX MEM 17/224 CENTRAL ELECTORAL OFFICE

Hon Parliamentary remained in attendance. Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, PS, MHA joined the Meeting.

Further to EX MIN 17/237 of 8th June 2017, Council agreed that:-

- (i) the Central Electoral Office should be set up in the space currently occupied by the Festival Office and the Anguilla Youth Business Foundation on the ground floor of the Canon Ball Building from September 2017. The space has furniture and equipment and all costs are already being met by Government. There is therefore minimal cost involved in setting up the office;
- (ii) the office should be opened from 9:00am to 1:00pm, Monday to Friday for the remainder of 2017;
- (iii) one person should be recruited and engaged as the Electoral Registration Officer to run the office at an approximate cost of \$3000.00 a month, and that a public officer must be trained as a substitute who could cover for the Electoral Registration Officer when necessary;

- (iv) a sum of EC\$4000.00 per month should be paid to the Supervisor of Elections for the remainder of 2017;
- (v) a small budget of approximately EC\$4,950.00 be approved to cover the following for the remainder of 2017:-

Supplies and materials \$2,500.00 Communication expenses \$850.00 Cleaning costs \$1,600.00

- (vi) from January 2018 and thereafter the office should be opened full time with two staff members. Payment for these officers should be:-
 - Electoral Registration Officer \$67,740.00 per annum; Assistant - \$41,000.00 per annum (akin to a Clerical Officer); and
- (vii) a budget for the operation of the Central Electoral Office should be approved in the 2018 budget and forward estimates presented to Executive Council at the appropriate time for consideration.

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

Action: PS, MHA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN; HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 17/356 **MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Council agreed that the regular Meeting of Executive Council should be held on Wednesday 9th August 2017 at 9:00 am, due to a national holiday on Thursday 10th August.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
