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MINUTES OF THE 120TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2017

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology
- 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 Acting Attorney General, Mr Ivor Greene
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary
Mr Darren Forbes-Batey, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
Mr Ben Merrick, Director, OTs
Ms. Miriam Sachak, Head of Economic and Financial Team, OTs
Mrs Kim Cutler, Corporate Services Manager
- ABSENT: The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

EX MIN 17/526 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PROJECT FUNDING**

The following persons joined the Meeting:-

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary
Mr Darren Forbes-Batey, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office
Mr Ben Merrick, Director, OTs
Ms. Miriam Sachak, Head of Economic and Financial Team, OTs
Mrs Kim Cutler, Corporate Services Manager

The Hon Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Mr Ben Merrick, Director, OTs respectively signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Project Funding on Thursday 16th November 2017 between the Government of the United Kingdom of

Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UKG), represented by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) (the Financing Partner) and the Government of Anguilla (GoA), represented by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and IT (MICUHAFIT) (the Implementing Partner).

The purpose of the MoU is to provide support to the MICUHAFIT to enable it to implement the objectives and activities of the project regarding the recertification of Anguilla's airport.

Action: PS, MICUHAFIT; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 17/527

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 119th Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 17/528

ANGUILLA'S RECOVERY WORKPLAN

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 17/511 of 9th November 2017, the Hon Minister, MHA indicated that the MHA was clear on their priority areas going forward. The Minister added that the PS, MHA would take the lead for her Ministry, and she would review. Other Ministers stated that they would have further discussions with their PSs to have matters in their respective ministries finalised.

Action: HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 17/529

EX MEM 17/319 SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT NO. 2 TO THE MOU BETWEEN PARADISE HOLDING COMPANY LTD. AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) agreed the Supplementary Agreement No. 2 to the MoU between Paradise Holding Company Ltd. and the Government of Anguilla as attached; and
- (ii) agreed that the Hon Chief Minister & Minister of Finance should sign the Agreement on behalf of the Government of Anguilla.

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

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

EX MIN 17/530

EX MEM 17/320 MORATORIUM ON HIRING IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2017

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 17/44 of 2nd February 2017 and EX MIN 17/494 of 2nd November 2017, Council:-

- (i) approved a moratorium on the filling of new positions for the remainder of 2017;
- (ii) agreed that new positions should be filled in 2018 only in exceptional cases after justification had been provided and agreed in accordance with already established procedures; and
- (iii) noted that these measures should result in a reduction in PE costs for the remainder of 2017 and into 2018.

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; OTHER PERM SECS; PAS, FIN; BD;
ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/531

EX MEM 17/321 PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) noted the broad outline for public service reform; and
- (ii) agreed that the Hon Deputy Governor should submit a more detailed paper to Executive Council setting out the process for further consideration.

Action: HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 17/532

EX MEM 17/323 SUPPORT FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND UNDER-EMPLOYED

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that legislative or administrative changes to the Social Security scheme are necessary in this time of crisis and should be expedited to provide ex gratia payments to support unemployed and under-employed persons under the following conditions:-

1. Payments would be made to a person who submits a claim in the required form and who:-
 - (a) is an insured person in accordance with the provisions of the Social Security Act;

- (b) made at least 50 weeks of contributions (not necessarily consecutive) to the Social Security scheme on or before 6th September 2017;
 - (c) but for Hurricane Irma, would have been fully employed on the date of the claim; and
 - (d) has been unemployed or under-employed for a continuous period of at least 20 days (excluding Sundays and public holidays) prior to the claim.
2. Payment would be made in two lump sums as follows:-
- (a) unemployed persons – an initial payment of EC\$1,500 and six weeks thereafter a further payment of EC\$1500, provided that the persons remain eligible to receive the second payment; and
 - (b) under-employed persons (i.e. persons who earn less than EC\$800 a month as a result of Hurricane Irma) – an initial payment equal to the difference between EC\$1,500 and one month's salary (EC\$1,500 – salary for 1 month); and six weeks thereafter a further payment calculated in the same way, provided that the persons remain eligible to receive the second payment.

Council further agreed that the Attorney General's Chambers should give priority to drafting the appropriate legislation to give effect to this scheme to take effect from 1st December 2017.

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

Action: PS, MHA; DIR, SSB; HON AG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/533

EX MEM 17/326 EXEMPTION FROM THE WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that the seven (7) persons on the attached list should be exempted from the work permit requirement under Section 3 (g) of the Control of Employment Act.

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

Action: PS, MHA/IMM; PAS, MHA; LAB COM; CIO

EX MIN 17/534

EX MEM 17/327 ON RATIONALISING GOA'S PE COST

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council noted the information contained in the paper. Among the issues listed for immediate attention, the Hon Deputy Governor indicated that, deferred salaries and the Police Pension Fund were priority.

Action: HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T
