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MINUTES OF THE 54th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th JULY 2021 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,

Dr Ellis Webster

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

The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce, Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources, Mr Kyle Hodge

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council (Acting), Ms Jennyville Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,

Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social

Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson

Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

EX MIN 21/242 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, the Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and the Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 22nd July, 2021 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday 22nd July, 2021.

EX MIN 21/243 COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined the meeting: -

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Medical Officer (Ag), Dr Lishaw Ward

Epidemiology

Global Overview

The WHO Global Situation Report for the last epidemiology week is not yet available as this is typically released after 10am on Wednesdays.

Caribbean Region

The Caribbean region continues to record an increase in cases, with a 4.6% increase as compared to the previous report. Several countries are experiencing cluster outbreaks and community transmission of the virus, with increasing hospitalizations and deaths.

Anguilla

On July 17, CARPHA notified the Ministry of Health that the Delta variant was sequenced from a case identified on July 1. The Ministry sent samples from the new cases recorded on July 15 and 18 for sequencing at CARPHA and is currently awaiting those results. As of July 27, Anguilla has recorded a total of 113 confirmed cases with 111 recoveries and 2 active cases. There are 33 persons currently in quarantine and an additional 108 persons under

surveillance (children and other persons requiring Day 4 testing). From July 1 to July 25, there have been 4630 arrivals into Anguilla via air and seaports.

Vaccination Deployment Update

As of July 26, there were 9807 registered persons of which 9411 persons had received their first dose, representing 75% of the initial target population number of 12,600 persons. Thus far, 8703 persons (69% of target) have received their second dose. In a population estimate of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 61% of the population having received the first dose and 56% having received two doses. This is below the 70% minimum threshold for herd immunity. The breakdown by occupation of first doses is as follows:

- 355 Healthcare workers
- 524 Civil, border protection and port staff
- 1789 Hospitality
- 1074 Retired
- 5674 Others

Using 2011 census age demographics, the breakdown of individuals who have received the vaccine by age, is as follows:

- 2884 persons age 18 34
- 2810 persons age 35 49
- 2424 persons age 50 64
- 1281 persons age 65+

The following table estimates the projected vaccine uptake rate in the adult population if 95% of all remaining second doses are issued. The population estimate is 15,500; adult population is estimated at 10,850 persons.

Table 1: Project uptake of 2nd doses in adult population

| | First doses issued | Second doses | Estimated second |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | (% adult | issued (% adult | doses issued (% |
| | population) | population) | of adult |
| | | | population |
| June 17 th | 9176 (85%) | | 5915 (55%) |
| Week ending | | | |
| June 19 th | 9237 (85%) | 6191 (57%) | 6276 (59%) |

| Week ending | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| June 26 th | 9276 (85%) | 6801 (63%) | 6856 (63%) |
| Week ending | | | |
| July 3 rd | 9316 (86%) | 7471 (69%) | 7608 (70%) |
| Week ending | | | |
| July 10 th | 9347 (86%) | 8272 (76%) | 8387 (77%) |
| Week July 17 th | 9379 (86%) | 8523 (79%) | 8650 (80%) |
| Week ending | | | |
| July 24th | 9404 (86%) | 8658 (80%) | 8748 (81%) |
| Week ending | | | |
| July 31st | | | |

The team is currently following up with persons who missed their scheduled second dose appointments.

Vaccine Stock

As of July 27, there were 1600 doses remaining with an expiry date of July 31. First and second doses will be issued up until July 30, at which point the mass vaccination site will be closed. Second dose vaccinations will then be given at the Welches and Western Polyclinics.

HAA Laboratory

The two technicians who were scheduled to arrive on July 27 had to postpone their trip due to issues with the airline. They are expected to arrive next week.

COVID-19 Regulations

Current COVID-19 Regulations are in place until July 31, 2021. They will have to be extended and amended to cover the period up to August 31, 2021 in accordance with the de-escalation plan:

- a) Public Health (Quarantine) (COVID-19) Regulations;
- b) Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Rules:
 - Amended to include protocols for vessel operators:
 - Fully vaccinated pilots and mariners may be permitted to overnight at foreign ports without quarantine on return, but must be tested every 7 days.

- FBO agents are responsible for ensuring that the crew/captains of any aircraft accepted, have obtained entry permission as required under the law.
- c) Public Health (Regulation of Ports) Regulations;
- d) Public Health (Landing of Passengers)(Special Exemptions);
- e) Public Health (COVID-19 Monitoring of Approved Businesses) Regulations;
- f) Emergency (COVID-19 Border Control) Regulations; and
- g) Public Health (Temporary Restrictions on movement of people and public gatherings) Regulations 2021.

Council:

- 1) thanked the Health team for the continued hard work and the efforts made to protect Anguilla;
- 2) noted the inventory of testing kits for the open and closed platform using the GeneXpert machine. There are currently over 3000 testing kits for the closed platform, that can generate a maximum of 4 tests each. These will expire next year. There are 130 open platform testing kits, that will expire at the beginning of November 2021 and 72 that will expire next year. Each kit can do up to 96 tests but presently 76 tests are being done; and
- 3) further noted that efforts are being made to procure more testing kits.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN; HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 21/244

EX MEM 21/136 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT - REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH CENTRAL, BLOCK 38409 B, PARCEL 61, CONTAINING 0.53 ACRES WITH DWELLING HOUSE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for Home Affairs briefed Council. Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section South Central Block 38409 B, described as Parcel 61, containing, 0.53 acres of land, located at Blowing Point for residential purposes with a dwelling house thereon, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i) Under the Stamp Act – 5% EC\$155,055.38 of EC\$3,101,107.52

(ii) Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$3,101,107.52

EC\$155,055.38

TOTAL

EC\$310,110.76

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HA; HON, AG; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 21/245

EX MEM 21/137 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT - REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17910 B, PARCEL 277 STRATA LOT SL C/1B BEING 901 SQ. FT.

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for Home Affairs briefed Council. Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium unit of approximately 901 sq. ft. forming part of Parkstone Incorporated, a Condominium development at Tranquility Beach Anguilla. The property situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17910 B, described as Parcel 277 SL C/1B, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i) Under the Stamp Act – 5% EC\$67,003.35 of EC\$1,340,067.70

(ii) Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 2% of EC\$1,340,067.70

EC\$26,801.36

TOTAL EC\$93,804.71

b) Regulations to be issued for Exemption.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HA; HON, AG; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 21/246

EX MEM 21/138 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT - REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17910 B, PARCEL 277 STRATA LOT SL B/1A BEING 901 SQ. FT.

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for Home Affairs briefed Council. Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium unit of approximately 901 sq. ft. forming part of Parkstone Incorporated, a Condominium development at Tranquility Beach Anguilla for Tourism purposes. The property

situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17910 B, described as Parcel 277 SL B/1A, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i) Under the Stamp Act – 5% E Of EC\$1,480,918.70

EC\$74,395.94

(ii) Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 2% of EC\$1,487,918.70

EC\$29,758.37

TOTAL

EC\$104,154.31

- b) Regulations to be issued for Exemption;
- c) the Licensee shall rent the unit that forms part of Signature Suites Condominium Association Inc;
- d) the Licensee shall fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 4, 2015 signed between the Government of Anguilla and Parkstone Incorporated and in particular Part III, Government Transfer Taxes and Annual Levies; and
- e) the Licensee shall place its unit in the rental programme/pool of the hotel for the first two (2) years on receiving ownership of the property.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HA; HON, AG; DLS; HON, MIN HA
