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MINUTES OF THE 141ST MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2018

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 Acting Deputy Governor, Mr Karim Hodge

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: Mr Cardigan Connor, Hon Parliamentary Secretary

Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA

Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN

Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director

Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director, Economic Planning

Mrs Nashara Webster-Wilkes, Economist

Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer Mrs Tavia Connor, Business Process Analyst Mr Vonlee Harris, Deputy Accountant General

Mr Giovanni Francisca, Deputy Comptroller of Customs

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT

Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams, PS, HLPP (Acting)/CEO, HAA (Designate)

ABSENT: The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands

and Physical Planning

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

EX MIN 18/239 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 140th Meeting held on Thursday 3 May 2018.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 18/240 None

EX MIN 18/241 REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL PERFORMANCE: YEAR TO DATE 30 APRIL 2018

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. The following persons from the Ministry of Finance Fiscal Review Team joined:-

Dr Aidan Harrigan, PS, FIN

Mrs Shona Proctor, Budget Director

Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director, Economic Planning

Mrs Nashara Webster-Wilkes, Economist

Mrs Anthea Ipinson-Connor, Chief Project Officer

Mrs Tavia Connor, Business Process Analyst

Mr Vonlee Harris, Deputy Accountant General

Mr Giovanni Francisca, Deputy Comptroller of Customs

Council noted the power point presentations on the GoA's Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Performance, year to date 30 April 2018.

Following the presentation, Council noted the conclusions as outlined:-

- (i) cumulative recurrent revenue exceeded the budget estimate by EC\$6.6m due largely to exceptionally and unexpected high stamp duty. Receipts over the period for other revenue heads performed largely in line with the estimate;
- (ii) recurrent expenditure came in under the estimate by EC\$5.80m due mainly to delays in payments; and
- (iii) the overall cumulative recurrent balance for the period consequently stood at a surplus of EC\$8.72m compared with estimated deficit of EC\$3.74m.

Council noted that current, there would likely be an unravelling of the relatively favourable surplus position once delayed payments were made, and requested that it be updated regularly on the position of deferred payments (arrears) each time the financial position is considered; and

On the Capital Expenditure, Council noted as follows:-

(i) that the UK had now authorised the funding of the first six priority projects. Authorisation of the remaining spending would follow agreement to the

Medium Term Fiscal Plan as per the agreement reached between the Chief Minister and the FCO;

- (ii) Local Capital Expenditure EC\$2.5m of EC\$5m had been allocated; and
- (iii) urgent expenditure required (up to EC\$2.5m) including Fire Services Development Project, Fire Truck purchase, Princess Alexandra Hospital repairs.

Council thanked the team for a good presentation, and applauded the officials for their continued hard work.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; DEP; CPO; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/242

EX MEM 18/131 PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA (GOA), ICA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC (ANGUILLA) (ICAA) AND THE CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION (CCC)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT joined.

Council noted the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Anguilla (GoA), ICA Capital Investments, LLC (Anguilla) (ICAA) and the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC).

HE The Governor indicated that he wanted to check quickly with the UKG whether an entrustment was needed for the MoU.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/243

EX MEM 18/132 DEDICATION AND TRANSFER OF VARIOUS
PROPERTIES FROM REGISTERED PROPRIETORS EVANS HARRIGAN
AND OTHERS – TO CROWN AND ANGUILLA NATIONAL TRUST –
SUBJECT TO CERTAIN COVENANTS – PROPERTIES DESCRIBED AS
REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99516 B, PARCELS 66, 68,
108-110, 121, 195, 228, 229 & 231 AND BLOCK 99416 B PARCEL 349

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams, PS, HLPP (Acting)/CEO, HAA (Designate) joined.

Council agreed in principle:-

(i) to the execution of the Agreements and Transfer Forms to the Crown and Anguilla National Trust for properties situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99516 B, described as Parcels 66, 68, 108-110, 121, 195, 228, 229 & 231 and on Block 99416 B, described as Parcel 349;

- (ii) that Parcels 228 and 231 be designated as Open Spaces; and
- (iii) that the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities & Housing, Roads Division should update road stock upon transfer of parcels that would form part of the road stock under the Roads Act R.S.A. c. R65.

Council sought clarification to the covenants contained in the said Agreements as follows:-

- (i) the Government undertakes to maintain the said right of ways, subject to the availability of funds;
- (ii) whether the owner is indemnified up until the land is transferred; and
- (iii) the properties should be cautioned.

Council directed that a letter be sent to Mr Evans Harrigan to thank him for his generosity.

Action: PS, HLPP (Acting); DLS; PS, MICUHAFE; ROADS ENG

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 18/244 <u>USE OF ONE TIME PLASTICS</u>

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council asked the PS, MICUHAFE in collaboration with the relevant departments to put together a paper outlining options to stop the use of "one time plastic" including straws and Styrofoam to be submitted to Executive Council for consideration.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; HON AG

EX MIN 18/245 MARCH 2018 ASSIZES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council noted the results of the March 2018 Assizes. The Hon Attorney General stated that the backlog of cases had been significantly lessened from 32 to 6. He added that he was pleased with the results. HE The Governor thanked the visiting Judge, Attorney General's Chambers and the RAPF for effective team work, which had resulted in such good outcomes.

Action: HON AG; COP; REG, JD

EX MIN 18/246 UPDATE ON CAMPUS A RESTRUCTURING

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

The Hon Minister, MHA and PS, MICUHAFE indicated that discussions were in progress with wider stakeholders and consultants on the full restructuring of Campus A to make a final determination of costs going forward.

HE The Governor noted that additional costs on this project above the original estimate cost would necessitate other projects being dropped from the list of those to be funded under the UKG grant. This might entail difficult prioritisation decisions going forward.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; PS, ED; CPO; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/247 GOODS AND SALES TAX (GST)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. PS, FIN remained for discussion.

HE The Governor asked PS, FIN to submit a paper to Executive Council's next meeting outlining the steps to be taken to introduce the Goods and Sales Tax (GST) including the assumptions on the rates to be applied.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; CIR; BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T
