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MINUTES OF THE 152nd MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 9.00 AM

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch
Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, and Acting Premier, Mr Kenneth Hodge
The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes
The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, and Acting Minister for Social Development etc., Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
Acting Clerk to Executive Council, Ms Jennyville Smith
- IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
The Head of the Governor's Office, Mr Orlando Ames-Lewis
- ABSENT: The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment 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

EX MIN 23/281

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and The Head of the Governor's Office remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 151st Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 7th September, 2023.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 23/282

EX MEMO 23/228 Approval of an organizational structure to reintegrate the water services delivered by the Water Corporation of Anguilla into central government

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and The Head of the Governor's Office remained.

The Hon Minister for MICUHT briefed Council. The Ministry proposes that a new organisational structure be adopted for the transition of the water services to central Government. This will enhance efficiency, adapt to technological advancements, promote sustainability in the operations, and better serve the water needs of Anguilla while complying with international, regional and national regulations. A phased approach will be adopted to implement the new organisational structure which is scheduled to start in January 2024.

Council agreed that:

1. Continued work be done to perfect the proposed organizational structure (including a review of line management structures);
2. MICUHT to liaise with MOF to consider the required budgetary provisions for consideration alongside the new spending requests as part of the 2024 budget-setting process; and
3. Errors in the paper around salaries be addressed including positions for the Chief Water Engineer and other technical and skilled positions.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 23/283

EX MEMO 23/229 Application for issue of Licence under The Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – Kimo Ikenty Liburd – Registration Section North Central, Block 48713 B, Parcel 291 Being 0.21 Of An Acre

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and The Head of the Governor's Office remained.

Council agreed to approve the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Kimo Ikenty Liburd to hold vacant property situated in Registration Section: North Central, Block 48713 B, described as Parcel 291 being 0.21 acres located in Rock Farm, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$45,699.40	EC\$2,284.97
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$45,699.40	Waiver
(iii)	refundable deposit – 10% of EC\$45,699.40	Waiver
TOTAL		<u>EC\$2,284.97</u>

(a) The Applicant be granted a waiver of the Government's Policy on requiring a 10% refundable deposit and waiver on the Aliens Land Holding Licence stamp duty, based on the grounds that the Applicant is adding his name to his mother's property who is Anguillian and also based on Mr. Liburd qualifying as a Caribbean national.

(b) The Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla enforced from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

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

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

EX MIN 23/284

EX MEMO 23/230 Anguilla Population and Housing Census, 2022 (AP&H Census 2022) – Update

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and The Head of the Governor's Office remained.

The DG and Hon Minister for SIE briefed Council. PS, EDMSIE, Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett and Chief Statistician, Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin joined the meeting.

The Anguilla Statistics Department has been requested to provide a monthly update on the progress of the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 enumeration phase.

The table below outlines the status as at 12 September 2023:

	No. of EDs	Completed	Near Complete	In Progress	Needs Enumerators
September 12, 2023	54	16	16	16	6
July 4, 2023	54	11	15	13	15
June 14, 2023	54	10	15	19	10

Definitions:

Completed - all stages completed except validation.

Near complete – between 1-20 households and the individuals therein to be completed.

The enumeration phase is approximately 65.9% complete, as at September 12, 2023 at 9:24am. If the rate of questionnaire completion remains consistent and enumerators are assigned to the outstanding EDs it is anticipated that 90% of the enumeration will be completed by 31st December 2023. Executive Council may determine whether to end the enumeration at this stage or continue the enumeration process until 100% completion. The pros and cons of these approaches are as follows:

	PROS	CONS
Enumeration ends on 31 st December 2023	The ASD is able to regroup and focus on outstanding areas of its work programme.	Without full coverage – it would be even more necessary to conduct a Post Enumeration Survey
		More imputation of data will be required.
		Under-coverage will occur and data may be biased.
Enumeration ends when 90% complete.	Data will be available.	Data will only represent 90% of the population
		Incomplete sample frame
		Lack of trust in the data as persons know that they were not counted.

Council:

- 1) noted the progress of the AP&H Census 2022;
- 2) instructs the ASD to provide monthly updates and recirculate to EXCO the public lines to take; and
- 3) agreed that all Ministers would proactively explain the purpose and benefits of the census and strive to encourage the public to become engaged in the Census process;
- 4) agreed that the AP&H Census 2022 will conclude on the 31st December 2023.

Action: PS EDMSIE; CHF, ST; HON, MIN MSIE

EX MIN 23/285

Executive Council Submission deadline

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and The Head of the Governor’s Office remained.

The current time and date for submission to be considered by Council does not provide sufficient time for the papers to be reviewed and any queries or omissions addressed prior to the agenda being finalised for distribution. Hence, effective 1 October 2023 submissions must be lodged with the Clerk by 3:00pm on the Friday prior to a scheduled Council meeting. Submissions received after the deadline will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Additionally, consultation must first be sought from the Attorney-General’s Chambers and the Ministry of Finance for consideration of any legal or financial implications prior to paper submission and noted therein.

Action: EXCO, Permanent Secretaries
