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MINUTES OF THE 197TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH JULY 2019
AT 9:00 AM

- PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-Hodge
- The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council (acting), Mrs Sonia Brooks
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan
Customs Adviser, Mr Grenville John
Accountant General, Mr Vonlee Harris,
Budget Director, Mrs Shona Proctor
Deputy Director, Inland Revenue, Ms Tameika Fleming
Budget Officer, Ms Myanica Richardson
Senior Crown Council, Mr Ivor Greene
- ABSENT: The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

EX MIN 19/350

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 196th Meeting held on Friday 19 July 2019.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 19/351

**EX MEM 19/124 APPEAL AGAINST PLANNING REFUSAL APPLICATION
REF# 09/0268 & 10/0261 (STEPHANIE DAVIS)**

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

Further to EX MIN 19/338 of 19 July, Council:-

- (i) noted the Land Development Committee refusal to grant permission;
- (ii) agreed that the appeal against planning permission from Stephanie Davis should be allowed on the basis that there is a distinction between the dwelling house of the applicant and the other dwelling house.

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

Action: PS, HLPP; HON AG; PS MICUHAFE; DIR, ENV; DLS; PPO

EX MIN 19/353

POLICE PENSION FUND

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

Council agreed:

- (i) that PS Public Administration and Hon DG should work together to provide advice to Council on the legal implications of any possible changes to the Police Pension Fund
- (ii) that PS Finance should contact CARTAC to identify a potential actuarial services to undertake the review
- (iii) Hon Attorney General should draft legislation so that all future police recruits would be eligible to join the Public Service Pension Fund rather than qualifying for entitlement under the Police Pension Fund.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, PA; HON AG; AD, PSPF; HON DG; ACC GEN; COP;
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 19/354

UPDATE ON THE CCB/NBA EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND TRUST DEED

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

Council agreed that the Hon Premier should meet with representatives from both Pension Funds.

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

EX MIN 19/355

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX – LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. PS Finance and Customs Adviser joined.

Council approved the following:

- (i) Customs Service Fee Act 2019
- (ii) Excise Tax Act.
 - (a) subject to amendment to Section 7
 - (b) subject to schedule being updated
- (iii) Excise Tax Regulations
- (iv) Interim Goods Tax
- (v) Amendment to External Trade Act
- (vi) that the Bills be given their first reading at the next sitting of the House of the House of Assembly.

Council agreed to a meeting between PS, Finance, Customs Adviser and Hon AG.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; HON AG; CL, HOA

EX MIN 19/356

FISCAL OUTTURN 30 JUNE 2019

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

The following persons joined:

Accountant General, Mr Vonlee Harris
 Budget Director, Mrs Shona Proctor
 Deputy Director, IRD, Ms Tameika Fleming
 Budget Officer, Myanica Richardson

The Fiscal Review Team made a presentation to Executive Council on the Fiscal outturn for the period up to 30 June 2019. The following points were noted,

- (a) recurrent revenue (EC\$ 126.70 million) was EC\$14.64 above the budget estimate of EC\$112.06 for the first half of the year;
- (b) recurrent expenditure (EC\$ 100.80 million) was EC\$2.4 million below the budget estimate of EC\$103.28 million for the first half of the year;
- (c) consequently the recurrent surplus for the first six months of the year stood at EC\$25.9 million, EC\$17.12 million above the budget forecast of EC\$8.78 million for the first six months of the year.

Council further agreed that:

- (i) in accordance with the Fiscal Responsibility Act the Medium Term Economic and Fiscal Plan would need to be amended for the period 2020 to 2023 recognizing the half year out turns for 2019 and the implications of the delayed ANGLEC sale, the delayed release of the CDB PBL and the GoA's decision not to implement the Bulk Fuel Import License Fee in 2019; and
- (ii) the Hon Premier would write to the CDB and the UKG informing them of the decision not to implement the Bulk Fuel Import License Fee in 2019.

Council thanked the team for their presentation.

EX MIN 19/357

UPDATE ON THE ANGUILLA PROGRAMME

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

HE the Governor updated Executive Council on the Anguilla Programme. Work was underway to speed up the implementation of projects.

Action: HE

EX MIN 19/358

CONSTITUTIONAL & ELECTORAL MATTERS

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

Executive Council agreed that the Hon Premier should respond to Lord Ahmad's letter of May setting out a clear date for discussions to proceed with the UKG on the second round of constitutional changes.

Action: HON PREM; HON MIN, MHA; PS, MHA/ED; SOE

EX MIN 19/359

EX MEM 19/172 PERMISSION TO USE CROWN LAND SITUATED IN REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99517 B, PARCEL 70 & 71

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

Council agreed the following:

- (i) that the Ministry of Lands grants Water Corporation of Anguilla (WCA) permission for the placement of its water line underground of Crown lands situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99516 B, described as Parcels 70 & 71;
- (ii) that the WCA work in conjunction with the Roads Division at MICUH for the purpose of placement of the water line and that the Government Agents (i.e. Departments of Lands and Surveys and MICUH and any other relevant

agency) are notified at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of any works on said parcels; and

- (iii) that the Ministry of Lands write to the owners of Parcel 75 and WCA indicating the grant of approval.

Action: PS, HLPP; DLS; PPO; CHAIR, WCA; PS, MICUH; ROADS, ENG

EX MIN 19/360

EX MEM 19/173 APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SELECT ANGUILLA AGENCY

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

Council approved:

- (i) the appointment of the following persons to the Board of the Select Anguilla Agency in accordance with section 5 of the Select Anguilla Agency Act, 2019:

1. Mr Larry Franklin (Ministry of Finance)
2. Ms Keri Horsford
3. Mr Clive Whyte
4. Mr Armand Arton
5. Mr Christopher Willis

- (ii) the appointment of the Ministry of Finance representative and the Attorney General’s Chambers representative to be the Chairperson and Deputy Chair Person respectively of the Board of the Select Anguilla Agency in accordance with section 7 of the Select Anguilla Agency Act.

- (iii) the appointments for a period of 3 years.

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

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 19/362

SPECIAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

Council agreed to a special meeting on Friday 26 July to continue the discussion on legislation.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
