POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE (P&F) 22/26

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 27th October 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille, Chair – via Teams
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Joe Perrée (JP)
Carol Cragoe (CC) – via Teams
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer (from 5-5.45pm)
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
Rhys Rowlands (RR) – SOO – via Teams
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 29th September**

- **Digimap**

A viewing licence for the Office was being looked into.

Other actions were done or on the agenda for further discussion.

The Minutes were signed off as correct. The summary of the minutes for the website was approved.

- **Financial matters**

The accounts to the end of September were tabled and noted.

The Committee approved payment of an invoice for lunch RR had had with HE and his AdC.

SH left the meeting at 5.45pm.

- **SEL**

The hearing date was expected to be sometime before mid-December.

- **GST**

The house-to-house on GST had been sent to Guernsey Post for approval and would be sent out in due course. The Office was working on a date for Guernsey to come to Sark to discuss GST further.

- **2028 Tax Reforms**

Following on from the Tax Surgeries, the Office had drafted a Design Principles report for P&F and the Taxation Review (Special) Committee to review. This would form a starting point for the Committees' discussions on the 2028 Tax Reforms.

- **Election / Post-Election**

The Committee would continue meeting after the election to deal with any unfinished projects but would not start any new workstreams.

The Committee discussed the proposal on remote attendance drafted by the Office. RR would amend as discussed and send to the Committee to review. It would then be taken back to PDG.

- **Bailiwick Council**

The Bailiwick Council meeting was happening the following day. The Committee had submitted topics for discussion. JG was unable to attend. NT, CC, RR and Aidan would be attending either remotely or in person.

- **Tax Tribunal**

The Committee agreed to go ahead with removing the age limit for Tax Tribunal Panel members. This would require a change to the Direct Taxes (Sark) Law, 2002 which would take some time.

- **MARPOL Convention**

It was noted for the minutes that the Committee had agreed by email to formally endorse the request from Guernsey P&R to extend the MARPOL convention.

- **Removing Officer Holder Age Limits**

The Committee discussed the possibility of removing the age limit for the Seneschal.

- **Extension of UK/Brazil CMAA to the Bailiwick**

The Committee had no objections to the extension of the UK/Brazil CMAA (Customs Mutual Assistance Agreement) to the Bailiwick.

- **Bailiwick Commission**

There was a meeting with the Bailiwick Commission on 19th November. They had asked for a list of any on-going or future Committee workstreams that may be relevant for the Commissioners' topic work.

- **Future Sark**

The Office was working with Question Factory on a date in January for the Future Sark reactivation.

- **Liquor Licencing Amendments**

The Committee would consider if any amendments to the liquor licencing fees were needed.

- **Sark Coins Agreement**

The Committee were happy with the draft commemorative coin programme agreement with Guernsey Post. A clean version would be requested for signing.

- **Chief Pleas Wreath for Remembrance Sunday**

JG would be representing Sark at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday. The Committee agreed that NT would lay the wreath for Chief Pleas in Sark.

- **Detention Pod**

The order had now been placed for the detention centre and safe space pods. It was hoped that Chief Pleas would approve the Committee's request for funds from the Hathaway Settlement Fund to go towards them.

- **Housing Laws**

The Committee discussed that the Housing Laws should be reviewed.

- **CPA Crown Dependencies Network Meeting**

The CPA Crown Dependencies Network Meeting was taking place in Sark this week.