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**MINUTES OF THE 119<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

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 Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

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 Acting Attorney General, Mr Ivor Greene

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary  
Mr Elliott Forbes, Acting Commissioner of Police  
Mr Karim Hodge, PS, MICUHAFIT  
Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

EX MIN 17/507 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Cardigan Connor, Parliamentary Secretary joined the Meeting.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 118<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November 2017.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 17/508 None

EX MIN 17/509

**ANGUILLA'S RECOVERY WORKPLAN**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

The Hon Deputy Governor said that he had circulated a recent draft copy of the Workplan 2018 – 2020. The DG stated that he needed clarity from GoA Ministers and Executive Council as to what the priority areas should be going forward.

Action: HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 17/510

**EX MEM 17/309 HURRICANE IRMA 2017 CUSTOMS DUTY RELIEF ASSISTANCE COMPONENT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) ratified the decision taken by round robin on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to amend the list previously agreed to give effect to certain items to be imported free of duty for the relief phase of the Hurricane Irma response, which should include the following:-
  - a) vehicle windows; and
  - b) chain saws
- (ii) noted that the amended Regulation was passed in the House of Assembly on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017; and
- (iii) noted that the Customs Duty (Exemption) (Hurricane Irma Relief) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 had been signed by HE The Governor on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; PAS, FIN; COC; FO; CL, HOA

EX MIN 17/511

**EX MEM 17/310 TO REVIEW THE ISSUANCE OF VOLUME PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (CURRENTLY KNOWN AS BPAs) BY THE REGISTRY OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE INCORPORATION OF OCS AND IBCS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) commended the work undertaken to address a long standing issue and agreed to the proposed discounted pricing structure and conditions for incorporations of IBCs and COCs under the volume purchase scheme as proposed in Part II, 4;

- (ii) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to begin drafting amendments to R.S.A. c. I20 International Business Companies Regulations R.R.A. I20-1, so that the Registrar may have the authority to extend the discounted pricing structure under VPAs to agents for the incorporation of IBCs; and
- (iii) further instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to review the current BPA agreement to ensure that any failure to perform duties under the contract by agents would attract the appropriate penalties.

Council additionally agreed that a broader view on the growth and development of the Financial Services Industry should be taken. A comprehensive strategy should be developed in consultation with the various stakeholders to set a clear direction going forward.

Action: PS, EDICTLP; HON AG; PS, FIN; COM OFF; ROC

EX MIN 17/512

**EX MEM 17/311 REPEAL OF BEARER SHARES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to commence drafting an amendment to the International Business Companies Act and the IBC Custody of Bearer Shares Regulations to:-
  - a) prohibit the issuance of shares in bearer form; and
  - b) cause bearer shares previously issued by IBCs to be converted to registered shares before three months from date of ratification of legislation.

Action: PS, EDICTLP; HON AG; PS, FIN; COM OFF; ROC

EX MIN 17/513

**EX MEM 17/313 LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM (LIS)**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council:-

- (i) approved a Land Information System (LIS) for the Department of Lands and Surveys to be implemented during the course of the fiscal year 2018/19;
- (ii) approved the expenditure of US\$900,000.00 (EC\$2,419,380.00) to be spread over a period of 18 to 20 months for the funding of the LIS; and
- (iii) agreed that the Department should explore the possibility of funding for the LIS project ideally as part of a wider package of investment in new technology which could be presented to the UKG.

Action: PS, EDICTLP; DLS; DIR, IT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; BD; CPO; ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/514

**EX MEM 17/314 FILLING OF THE POST OF STATISTICIAN IN THE ECONOMIC STATISTICS SECTION OF THE ANGUILLA STATISTICS DEPARTMENT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that filling of the post of Statistician in the Anguilla Statistics Department should be deferred in keeping with the decision taken in EX MIN 17/494 of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 that there should be a complete moratorium on the filling of any further positions in the APS for the remainder of the year.

Action: PS, PA; CHIEF STAT; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/515

**EX MEM 17/315 REQUEST TO FILL THE POST OF CENSUS ASSISTANT IN THE CENSUS, SURVEYS & RESEARCH SECTION OF THE ANGUILLA STATISTICS DEPARTMENT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council agreed that filling of the post of Census Assistant in the Anguilla Statistics Department should be deferred in keeping with the decision taken in EX MIN 17/494 of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 that there should be a complete moratorium on the filling of any further positions in the APS for the remainder of the year.

Action: PS, PA; CHIEF STAT; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 17/516

**EX MEM 17/318 DESIGNATED BURIAL SITE FOR MR ALBERT A.R. LAKE AND MRS OCTAVIA LAKE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance. Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS joined the Meeting.

Council:-

- (i) approved the designation of an area of land being approximately 2.80 acres of land situate in Registration Section North, Block 59017 B, Parcel 49 and 51 (part of) for the burial site for Mr Albert A. R. Lake and Mrs Octavia Lake as delineated on Survey Plan APSCS27/17;
- (ii) agreed that the necessary permits required to designate the proposed site as a burial site should be obtained from the relevant authorities; and
- (iii) agreed that any further requests of this nature would be considered on a case by case basis.

Action: PS, EDICTLP; DLS; PS, MHA; PAS, MHA

**ORAL MENTION**

EX MIN 17/517

**APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

In EX MIN 17/489 of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Council noted that the GoA had intended to appoint a Public Relations Officer shortly. The Hon CM stated that the Ministers of Government had someone in mind and were in the process of creating a job description, compensation package etc. that fitted in the public service scale. The CM further stated that he would be presenting a paper to Executive Council shortly as it was the GoA's intention to have the person appointed by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

Council agreed that the CM and DG should have a further discussion on the matter.

Action: HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 17/518

**REGULARISATION OF DUTY EXEMPTIONS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

Council stressed the urgency of regularising duty exemptions and asked that a Duty Exemption Policy be submitted to Executive Council as soon as possible for consideration.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

EX MIN 17/519

**LEAVE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary remained in attendance.

The Hon Minister of Infrastructure informed Council that he would be on leave from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

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