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# MINUTES OF THE 211<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 10:30 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 Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Evans Rogers

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, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake Compliance Manager, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge

PS, Infrastructure, Communications & Utilities, Mr Karim Hodge

Coordinator, Environment Pollution Control and Prevention, Mr Dallen Connor

Director of Environment, Ms Melissa Meade

#### EX MIN 19/516 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 210<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 14 November 2019.

#### EX MIN 19/520 EX MEM 19/239 CHILD PROTECTION REGULATIONS, 2019

Financial Specialist remained. PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake joined.

#### Council:

- (i) approved the Child Protection Regulations; and
- (ii) directed that the Ministry of Social Development and the Attorney General's Chambers review the primary legislation particularly the provision with respect to the removal of a child from the home.

Action: PS, SD; HON AG; CSD; MINS OF GOV'T

### EX MIN 19/521 EX MEM 19/242 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MOU WITH CARIBBEAN BEACON LIMITED

Financial Specialist remained.

Following on from EX MIN 19/511 of 14 November, Council agreed that the matter should be further deferred to the next meeting of Executive Council to be held on Thursday 28 November.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; COM MAN; PS, MHA; PS, HLPP; PS, MICUHAFE; DLS

#### EX MIN 19/523

# EX MEM 19/247 TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA AND THE STATES OF GUERNSEY AND THE ISLE OF MAN IN RELATION TO THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO TAX MATTERS

Financial Specialist and Compliance Manager remained.

#### Council:

- (i) thanked the officials at the MFEDICTIT for their diligence in this matter;
- (ii) authorised the Hon Minister for Finance to negotiate and sign the Tax Information Exchange Arrangement with the States of Guernsey and the Tax Information Exchange Agreement with the Government of the Isle of Man; and
- (iii) authorised the PS, Finance to sign the Competent Authority Agreements with the States of Guernsey and the Government of the Isle of Man.

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

#### EX MIN 19/524 EX MEM 19/248 ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2019

Financial Specialist remained.

#### Council:

- (i) noted that based on the 2019 Scholarship Rank Order Listing and the results details from the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Headquarters, Barbados, along with the criteria for the selection of the Island Scholar as set out in the Education Act Part 9 (170), Mr. Kheri Hughes appeared to have the best claim to the Anguilla Island Scholarship;
- (ii) confirmed Mr Kheri Hughes' selection for the Anguilla Island Scholarship for 2019;
- (iii) agreed that the scholarship be for the duration of seven (7) years beginning September 2019;
- (iv) agreed that the scholarship be tenable at the Carleton University and pending other university; and
- (v) agreed that the cost of the scholarship should not exceed EC\$600,000.00.

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; CEO; TRNG OFF; BD; ACC GEN

Financial Specialist left the meeting.

#### EX MIN 19/526

## INF 19/10 INFORMATION PAPER – RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANGUILLA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD (ASSB)

#### Council:

- (i) noted that the tenure of some of the members of the Board of the Anguilla Social Security Board would expire on 26 November 2019 and in November generally; and
- (ii) additionally noted the intention of the Minister with responsibility for Social Security in accordance with Section 1 and 4 of the Anguilla Social Security Act to re-appoint the following persons to the Board of Directors of the Anguilla Social Security Board effective 26 November to 30 June 2020:

Mr. Selwyn F. Horsford – Deputy Chairman
Mrs. Sheila Richardson Hodge – Employee Representative
Mr. Kiel Connor – Government Representative (Director)
Apostle Lucien MacDonna – Employee Representative
Mr. Romez Webster – Employer – Representative was appointed to the Board in November 2019 with no specific date. Consequently, taking the opportunity to renew in line with the others.

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

#### **ORAL MENTION**

#### EX MIN 19/528 EX MIN 19/275 EX MEM 19/136 PROHIBITION OF SINGLE USE

In EX MIN 19/275 of 29 May 2019, Council noted a presentation by the Director, Environment outlining a proposed road map and the actions therein in order to appropriately phase out the use of single use plastics and to incentivize the use of biodegradable alternatives which included the:

- 1. Phase out dates and promotion of alternatives
- 2. Training of front line agencies and staff
- 3. Finalisation and implementation of the regulation and schedules
- 4. Budget and tariff restructure for alternatives
- 5. Removal exercises for the remaining single use plastic items

It was agreed that the final phase out date should be 31 December 2019 and that the Director, Environment consults with the Customs GST Advisor on the proposed incentive. Council was informed that the Regulations are presently at the Attorney General's Chambers for amendments. Council requested an update on this so that the Regulations are re-submitted to Executive Council for consideration before year end.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; DIR, ENV; CO-ORD, EPCP; HON AG; PS, HLPP; PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; MINS OF GOV'T

#### EX MIN 19/529 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Council was informed of the following date of official overseas travel:

H E The Governor - Saturday 23 November – Saturday 30 November 2019,

Joint Ministerial Council (JMC), UK

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

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