

Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 24th October 2016
at the Parish Hall, St Ouen.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman
Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan
Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock
Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett
Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft; the Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian; the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard; the Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre and the Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

Non-exempt (public) under Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011

The Supervisory Committee confirmed that the Connétable of St Clement should preside at the meeting.

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| Minutes | 1. The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th September 2016, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed. |
| Association of Jersey Rates Assessors AGM | 2. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 7 th December 2015, noted an invitation to Connétables to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Jersey Rates Assessors on 14 th November 2016 and that the Chairman would be attending to represent the Committee. |
| Draft Budget Statement 2017 | 3. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 3 of 19 th September 2016, considered the Draft Budget Statement 2017 (P.109/2016) which included in Section 5 – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• that the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 (“the Rates Law”) is amended to remove the exemption that the States currently enjoys but it is proposed that the States should retain its exemption from paying the Island Wide Rate (“IWR”) in order to avoid the administration of circular payments• the Rates Law is further amended so that the Parishes’ exemption from the IWR is removed and the Parishes become liable to pay the IWR from 2017 onwards but it is proposed that the Parishes remain exempt from paying Parish rates in order to avoid the administration of circular payments• the Rates Law is amended to allow for the periodic revaluation of “rateable values”; the required Regulations will be developed in partnership with the |

Connétables and the Rates Assessors, and the Minister intends to bring those Regulations to the States Assembly in early 2017.

The Committee also received details of the circular payments of parish rates and IWR in respect of land owned or occupied by a public or parochial authority which was not exclusively used for a public or parochial purpose.

Following discussion, and having noted that the funding mechanism had not been identified to ensure that the payment of rates was cost-neutral for the States, the Committee considered that the proposals had not been satisfactorily formulated and that whilst the ratepayers of St Helier might see a one-off benefit this could be to the detriment of the ratepayers of other parishes. The Committee agreed it should present comments to the States and requested that a draft be prepared for consideration at its next meeting.

Chairman*L Norman*..... Date*14/11/2016*.....