

Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 14th June 2021
at the Parish Hall, St Peter

Present:

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard (present for items 3-4)
Connétable de St Brélade – M. K. Jackson
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur
Connétable de St Pierre – R. P. Vibert
Connétable de Ste Marie - J. M. Le Bailly
Connétable de St Ouën - R. A. Buchanan
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone (present for items 3-4)
Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

Connétable of
St Clement

1. The Supervisory Committee recorded with deep sadness the passing of Connétable Len Norman of St Clement. Mr Norman had served as Connétable since 2008 and was a much-valued member of the Committee having also served as Vice Chairman (2013-2014) and as Chairman (2014-2018). One minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2021, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Approval of
Rates Lists -
2021

3. The Supervisory Committee, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005, approved the Rates Lists for 2021 for the following parishes. The Committee noted that all Connétables had had the opportunity to view the rateable values in each Parish, as contained in the Rates Lists, using the Rates Online service. Three members of the Committee signed the form of declaration and certificate to be appended to each Approved Rate List certifying its approval as follows -

Parish Signed by:

St Brelade Connétables of St Lawrence, St Helier and Trinity

St Clement Connétables of St Lawrence, St Brelade and St Peter

St Helier Connétables of St Lawrence, St Brelade and St Peter

St John Connétables of St Lawrence, St Helier and Trinity

St Martin Connétables of St Ouen, St John and Grouville

St Ouen Connétables of St John, Grouville and Trinity

St Peter Connétables of St Ouen, St John and Trinity

St Saviour Connétables of St Brelade, St Helier and Trinity

Trinity Connétables of St Brelade, St Helier and St Lawrence

2021 Annual
Island Wide
Rate Figure
(AIRF) and
setting of 2021
Domestic and
Non-domestic
rates

4. The Supervisory Committee recalled that the Annual Island Wide Rates Figure (AIRF) for 2020 was maintained for one-year at the 2019 level following the States debate on 14th July 2020 approving the Draft Covid-19 (Rates) (Jersey) Regulations 202-(P.85/2020). Had this temporary amendment not been made, the AIRF for 2020 would have been £13,645,116. Article 20(1) of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 provided for this to be adjusted by the percentage change in the Jersey Retail Prices Index (RPI) calculated by comparing the annual figure compiled for the quarter ending in March of that year with the annual figure compiled for the quarter ending in March of the previous year. The change in the RPI for the 12 months to March 2021 was 0.8% thus the AIRF for 2021 was £13,754,277.

In accordance with the Rates (Apportionment) (Jersey) Regulations 2006 -

55% of the Annual Island-wide Rates Figure shall be met from the domestic rate (£7,564,852).

45% of the Annual Island-wide Rates Figure shall be met from the non-domestic rate (£6,189,425).

The Committee considered a paper showing an estimated 1,003 million domestic quarters and 573 million non-domestic quarters across the Island. The Committee, in accordance with Article 20(4) of the Rates Law, calculated the Island-wide Domestic rate at 0.76 pence per quarter and the Island-wide Non-domestic rate at 1.08 pence per quarter for 2021, which would generate the Annual Island-wide Rate Figure in the proportions prescribed by Regulations. The Committee recalled that ratepayers would receive the account for the Island-wide rate as soon as the Parish rate had been set by parishioners. Rates were payable on demand and a surcharge of 10% would be added to all amounts not paid within 3 months of the date of the bill.

The Committee approved a report on the calculation of the 2021 rates and requested the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables to present the report to the States.

Chairman Date