

Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 5th February 2018
at the Parish Hall, St Brelade.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian
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 St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
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 Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan 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

- Minutes 1. The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2018, having been previously circulated), were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Rates online 2. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 15th January 2018, noted that Teleologica Ltd had designed and delivered a technical solution to the Microsoft Advanced Threat Protection (ATP) service to avoid any service disruption for ratepayers. A further issue, in which ratepayers who had signed up for the digital rates service were not receiving an automated call to telephones on an area code (to provide the security code) although automated calls to other numbers were not affected had also been resolved.
- Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 – apportionment of Annual Island-wide Rate Figure (AIRF) 3. The Supervisory Committee, further to the decision that the States would not be exempt from rates in 2018, considered whether it should review the apportionment of the Annual Island-wide Rate Figure (AIRF) which was set in the Rates (Apportionment) (Jersey) Regulations 2006. The Committee, mindful that the States Treasury was considering proposals to revalue properties (minute no. 2 of 6th February 2017 refers), decided not to review the apportionment at present.
- Association of Jersey Rates Assessors - AGM 4. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 2 of 15th January 2018, received a report from the Chairman on the reconvened Annual General Meeting of the Association of Jersey Rates Assessors held on 15th January 2018 and noted that an Acting Chairman had been appointed until the next AGM. The Committee further noted that the chairmen of the parish Assessment Committees would be holding quarterly meetings and agreed to provide secretarial assistance with these meetings.
- Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 – 5. The Supervisory Committee recalled that, in the 2017 Budget, the States Assembly agreed a change to the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 which introduced the legal ability of the

amendment to
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valuation of
properties

States by Regulations to create new rules for the revaluation of property for Rates purposes. The Committee discussed the proposals for a Rates working group which the States Treasury intended to establish to consider the issues associated with the revaluation of properties for Rates purposes and to develop recommendations for politicians to consider.

The Committee agreed that, in considering the full range of issues associated with the revaluation of properties for Rates purposes, the working group should review the reasons for moving to a FRV (fixed rateable value) and the justification for revaluation. The Committee also considered that the working group should include a representative of the Connétables who could represent the parishes' interests.

The Committee considered it sensible for the working group to make recommendations on the proportion of the AIRF to be met from domestic and from the non-domestic rate but to do this there must be consultation with ratepayers or groups/bodies representing ratepayers (this previously included representatives of the Jersey Farmers Union, the Chamber of Commerce, the Jersey Hospitality Association, the Institute of Directors and the Jersey Landowners Association as well as public meetings which all ratepayers were invited to attend).

Chairman*L Norman*..... Date*5/3/2018*.....