

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 31st October 2017 at 9.30 am in the Council Chamber

Present: Her Excellency the Acting Governor (Ms L MacMorran)
The Chief Secretary (Hon R D Burke)
The Financial Secretary (Hon D L Richards)
Crown Counsel (Mrs C Cooper)
The Hon A A Green
The Hon L A Henry
The Hon C L Scipio-O'Dean
The Hon B W Isaac
The Hon R K Yon

In attendance: Chief Secretary Designate (Mrs S O'Bey)
Acting Assistant Chief Secretary (Support) (Mrs C A George)
Clerk of Councils (Miss L H Buchanan)

Overseas: Her Excellency the Governor (Ms L Phillips)
The Hon D F Thomas

Illness: The Attorney General (Hon A Berbotto)

OPEN SESSION

6.1 Welcome

The Acting Governor welcomed everyone present and paid special mention to the Hon Brian Isaac who had been appointed as a temporary member of Executive Council whilst the Hon Derek Thomas was overseas on government business.

6.2 Membership of Electronic Communication Consultative Committee (ExCo Memo 68/2017)

The Financial Secretary introduced this Memorandum and explained the need for appointments to the Electronic Communication Consultative Committee (ECCC) to be formally approved by the Governor in Council. It was noted that it had been recommended that the current Financial Secretary, Dax Richards should continue to chair the Committee. . The Financial Secretary explained that Thomas Holvey was currently the Secretary to the Committee and had been appointed to this role when he worked as the Socio-Economist; that role had now changed to Policy Adviser. Council was therefore asked to consider the reappointment of Thomas Holvey in his new capacity as a Policy Advisor. The appointment of Crown Counsel (Community Care), Mrs Christine Cooper as a nominee of the Attorney General had also been recommended.

Members felt that this Committee needed to be more proactive in the way it conducts and reports its proceedings. The Financial Secretary confirmed that a report had been produced and is due to be published shortly. All agreed that going forward this Committee would be doing more to ensure that it is functioning to the best of its ability and the Financial Secretary was able to state that work was already commencing.

Council advised and the Acting Governor agreed, to approve the new appointments to the ECCC but to ensure that the Committee is more productive in completing and publishing its work.

6.3 Confirmation of Open Session Minutes of the 17th October 2017

The Minutes of the Open Session meeting held on the 17th October 2017 were confirmed, subject to the following amendments:

5.3 Discharge of Ruperts Wharf Planning Condition 1 (ExCo Memo 65/2017)

Line 2 delete 'Chief Secretary' and insert 'Financial Secretary'

6.4 Matters Arising from the Open Session Minutes of the 17th October 2017

6.4.1 (5.5) Liberated African Remains

The Chief Secretary would take the matter forward of asking the Researcher to produce leaflets as well as asking whether there was a less invasive method that could be used for the research.

(Action: Chief Secretary)

6.4.2 (4.7) Potential Sites for Proposed New Build Prison (ExCo Memo 59/2017)

The Chief Secretary Designate confirmed that a public meeting has been organised to discuss the two potential sites and that a decision would depend on the outcome of the public consultation. **The Hon Christine Scipio O'Dean confirmed that she will be handing out leaflets in the area in order to boost the attendance of the public at the meeting.** She will await receiving the leaflets from the Secretary of the SCDC.

(Action: Hon Christine Scipio O'Dean)

6.5 Any Other Business (Open Session)

6.5.1 Social Security Regulations and Policies

Concerns were raised over the new Policies that had been agreed by Executive Council on the 3rd October 2017. Members stated that there had been occasions where it appeared the Social Welfare Policy had not been followed correctly. **The Hon Anthony Green and the Chief Secretary agreed to both discuss this issue with the Director of Safeguarding to ensure the matter is looked into.**

(Action: Chief Secretary/Hon Anthony Green/)