

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 6th March 2018 at 9.30am in the
Council Chamber

Present: HE Acting Governor (Ms L MacMorran)
Chief Secretary (Mr R Burke)
Financial Secretary (Mr D Richards)
The Acting Attorney General (Ms S O'Donnell)
The Hon A A Green
The Hon L A Henry
The Hon C L Scipio-O'Dean
The Hon D F Thomas
The Hon R K Yon

In attendance: The Chief Secretary Designate (Mrs S O'Bey)
Assistant Chief Secretary (Support) (Mrs G Francis)
Clerk of Councils (Miss L H Buchanan)

On Leave: Her Excellency the Governor (Lisa Phillips)
Attorney General (Mr A Berbotto)

OPEN SESSION

17.1 Welcome

The Acting Governor welcomed all present.

17.2 Increase in Fees and Charges: Liquor and Gaming Machines Licences (ExCo Memo 08/2018)

The Chairperson of the Social and Community Development Committee (SCDC) introduced this memorandum and explained the background to the item. He explained that there had been no change to the gaming machine licence fee as there had been a 100% increase in 2013 and the Committee felt that another increase would have been unreasonable. He went on to state that a small increase to liquor licence fees had been suggested. The Financial Secretary added that if the change to liquor licence fees were approved, an increase of £700 in revenue is estimated to be achieved. The Chairperson of SCDC also confirmed that the committee would be looking into changing the occasional licence fee which would provide benefits to the private sector on Island as well as reducing the admin costs and workload on Judicial Services. He confirmed that this should be finalised soon and would be coming to Executive Council for approval.

After some discussion, members advised, and the Acting Governor agreed, that the Gaming Machines (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and Liquor (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 should be approved and brought into force with effect from 1 April 2018.

(Action: Clerk of Councils)

17.3 Confirmation of Open Session Minutes of the 6th February 2018

The Open session minutes of the 6th February 2018 were confirmed.

17.4 Matters Arising from Open Session Minutes of the 6th February 2018.

17.4.1 (13.4.1) Constitutional Amendment

The Acting Attorney General had had a meeting with Cllr Corinda Essex regarding this. She also confirmed that she had emailed the Attorney General of the Falklands Island to seek advice on the impact of the Constitutional wording proposed to be used in St Helena, and was awaiting a response.

17.4.2 (13.4.2) Welfare of Children (Children's Residential Home) Regulations 2017 (ExCo Memo 78/2017)

The Attorney General needed to confirm matters on this item. **The Acting Attorney General will endeavour to get an update from the outgoing AG and report back to Members.**

(Action: Acting Attorney General)

17.4.3 13.6.1 Drink Drive and Seatbelt Regulations

The Chairperson of ENRC confirmed that a meeting would be held tomorrow to discuss these Regulations and that he expected that **an item would be brought to Executive Council by the end of the month.**

(Action: Hon Russell Yon/Clerk of Councils)

17.5 Confirmation Open Session Minutes of the 20th February 2018.

The open session minutes of the 20th February 2018 were confirmed.

17.6 Matters Arising from the Open Session Minutes of the 20th February 2018

17.6.1 (15.3.6) St Helena Flag at Airport

The Chief Secretary confirmed that the Airport had ordered a St Helena flag and a Union Jack and they would be flying them at the Airport once they had arrived.

17.7 Any Other Business (Open Session)

There was nothing to note in the open session.