

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 2.00pm in the  
Council Chamber

Present: Her Excellency the Governor (Mrs L Honan)  
Chief Secretary (Mrs S O'Bey)  
Financial Secretary (Mr D Richards)  
Attorney General (Mrs S O'Donnell)  
The Hon A A Green  
The Hon L A Henry  
The Hon C Scipio O'Dean  
The Hon D F Thomas  
The Hon R K Yon

In attendance: Head of Governor's Office (Ms L McMorran)  
Head of Corporate Support (Mrs C A George)  
Clerk of Councils (Miss L H Buchanan)

**OPEN SESSION**

28.1 Welcome

The Governor welcomed all present.

28.2 Telecommunications (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 (ExCo Memo 40/2018)

The Financial Secretary introduced this memorandum, explaining that this item had to be brought back to Executive Council after some technical input was needed on the matter. He explained that the current Regulations did not cover all fees that SURE currently charged. The Attorney General confirmed that the Telecommunications Licence 2012 prescribes that Executive Council can make Regulations, but that SURE can also publish their national tariffs. She explained that both methods of publication are acceptable, and the lack of updated Regulations did not pose any legal ramifications.

After some discussion, it was suggested that some of the figures on the Regulations were not correct and that further checks needed to be made. **The Financial Secretary agreed to update Members once the figures had been checked.**

**(Action: Financial Secretary)**

Discussions continued, with some Members asking for a caveat to be placed within the Regulations stating the date on which the Regulations would cease to be legal. The Attorney General explained that this would not be necessary as Executive Council could at any time, amend or withdraw Regulations.

The Financial Secretary confirmed that the Telecommunications Licence 2012 sets out that SHG would not set prices past 2018 and that this had been outlined to SURE by the SHG Members of the Electronic Communications Consultative Committee. **The Financial Secretary said he would check the minutes of the ECCC meetings to ascertain whether or not it had been recorded that SHG would expect to see a decreases in Internet charges once the sub marine cable is laid and associated infrastructure in place.**  
**(Action: Financial Secretary)**

After some discussion, Members advised and Governor agreed to approve the Telecommunications (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 in principle subject to the figures being checked and ensuring that SURE had been made aware that Internet prices would not be set past 2020. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean did not support any of the proposed increases in fees and asked that this be minuted; the Governor agreed.