

ST. HELENA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THE SPEAKER

The Honourable Eric William Benjamin

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The Honourable Chief Secretary	Mr Roy Burke
The Honourable Financial Secretary	Mr Colin Owen
The Honourable Attorney General	Ms Nicole Moore

ELECTED MEMBERS

The Honourable Leslie Paul Baldwin
The Honourable Nigel Dollery
The Honourable Wilson Charles Duncan
The Honourable Gavin George Ellick
The Honourable Cyril Robert George
The Honourable Lawson Arthur Henry
The Honourable Brian William Isaac
The Honourable Bernice Alicia Olsson
The Honourable Christine Lilian Scipio O'Dean
The Honourable Dr Corinda Sebastiana Stuart Essex
The Honourable Derek Franklin Thomas

CLERK OF COUNCILS

Mrs Carol George

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, 23rd January 2015

The Council met at 10.00 am
in the Court House, Jamestown

(The Speaker in the Chair)

ORDER OF THE DAY**1. FORMAL ENTRY OF THE PRESIDENT****2. PRAYERS**
(The Rt. Rev. Bishop Richard Fenwick)**3. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT**

Honourable Members, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to this first sitting of the seventh meeting of the Legislative Council. A special welcome back to the Honourable Lawson Henry, who has recently returned from a Joint Ministerial Conference in London where important representations were made on behalf of the island.

The purpose of this meeting today, as Honourable Members will know, is to elect a Chairperson for the Public Health Committee as well as a member to serve on the Executive Council. This has become necessary as a result of the resignation from Legislative Council of former Councillor, Ian Rummery, earlier this month. Honourable Members and the public have already been informed by Mr Rummery himself of his reasons for his resignation from this Council, namely, to fill a post that has been approved that has for some time become vacant in the Public Health Department where he believes he can best assist the community. Mr Rummery, during his term of office on Council, has been extremely supportive of the policies of this Council and has been visually active in the Committees on which he served during that period, namely Executive Council, the Public Health Committee and the Social and Community Development Committee in addition to this Council. I know that Honourable Members will want me to wish Ian well in his new role in the Public Health Department and I am happy to do so.

Honourable Members will, I know, fully appreciate the importance of filling vacancies that exist at the earliest possible time so that the important work of the Council Committees and, indeed, the Executive Council, can continue with minimal disruption and I thank everyone

for your agreement that this short meeting today is to be devoted specifically for this purpose. Equally, I am convinced that the electorate appreciates how important it is to fill the vacancy that now exists in the Legislative Council and will, no doubt, be preparing for the by election to be held in March this year. Honourable Members are fully aware of the election process so I believe there will be little need for intervention by the Speaker. However, for the purpose of public information I will explain that the nomination and election of members are entirely in the hands of the elected members of this Council. Our valued ex officio members can neither nominate nor vote; that is a Constitutional requirement.

May I say thank you to all who have worked behind the scenes to prepare for this meeting, Mrs Carol George for taking on the role once more of the Clerk in the absence of the substantive Clerk and SAMS Radio for their valuable support to this Council.

I shall now ask the Clerk to call the next item of business.

4. ELECTIONS

1. Election of Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

The Speaker –

Honourable Members, I just wish to remind you that when you're speaking into the microphone keep your distance, don't pull the mics to you because they have been specifically placed in the right position. Thank you. Honourable Chief Secretary?

The Hon. Roy Burke (Hon. Chief Secretary) –

Thank you. In accordance with Standing Order 5, I beg to present Sessional Paper No. 1/2015, Council Committees 2015 which contains the names of the five Council Committees. Chairmanship of the Public Health Committee is currently vacant.

The Speaker –

Thank you, Sir.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker –

Honourable Members, I now call for nomination for the Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

The Hon. Dr Corinda Essex –

Mr Speaker, I wish to nominate the Honourable Derek Thomas.

The Speaker –

Thank you, Honourable Member. Is there a seconder to the nomination?

The Hon. Brian Isaac –

Mr Speaker, I beg to second.

The Speaker –

Thank you, Honourable Member. Honourable Derek Thomas, can I ask whether or not you accept the nomination?

The Hon. Derek Thomas –
Mr Speaker, I accept the nomination.

The Speaker –
Thank you very much. I now invite further nominations for the post of Chairman of the Public Health Committee. Are there any further nominations? No further nominations. Alright, then it's for the speaker to put the question so that we can see whether we have a majority of the members of Council in support. I put the question that the Honourable Derek Thomas be duly elected Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

Question put and agreed to.

The Speaker –
The Ayes have it. I therefore declare that the Honourable Derek Thomas has been duly elected to be the Chairman of the Public Health Committee. Clerk?

2. Election of member of the Executive Council.

The Speaker –
The election of the member for the Executive Council. Can I call for a nomination for a member of the Executive Council, to serve on the Executive Council, please?

The Hon. Dr Corinda Essex –
Mr Speaker, I wish to nominate the Honourable Derek Thomas.

The Speaker –
Thank you, Honourable Member. Is there a seconder?

The Hon. Brian Isaac –
Mr Speaker, I beg to second.

The Speaker –
Thank you, Honourable Member. Honourable Derek Thomas, can I ask whether or not you accept the nomination?

The Hon. Derek Thomas –
Mr Speaker, I accept the nomination.

The Speaker –
Thank you, Honourable Member. Are there any further nominations for a member of the Executive Council? No further nominations? Then I put the question that the Honourable Derek Thomas be duly elected as a member of the Executive Council.

Question put and agreed to.

The Speaker –
There are no objections. I therefore declare that the Honourable Derek Thomas has been duly elected as a member of the Executive Council. Clerk?

5. Adjournment.

The Speaker –
Yes, Chief Secretary?

The Hon. Roy Burke –
Mr Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn sine die.

The Speaker –
Thank you. Is there a seconder for the Motion?

The Hon. Christine Scipio O’Dean –
I beg to second, Mr Speaker.

The Speaker –
Thank you, Honourable Member. The Motion is that this Council do now adjourn sine die. Any member wish to speak? Honourable Derek Thomas?

The Hon. Derek Thomas –
Thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the Honourable Corinda Essex for proposing me as Chairman of the Public Health Committee and a member of the Executive Council and I would also like to thank the Honourable Brian Isaac for seconding the proposal and for the support of all Honourable Members.
Mr Speaker, Honourable Members, this position as Chairman of the Public Health Committee and Executive Council Committee is a very high profile position and I am aware of the many challenges which faces the Health Service. I am a committed individual, always pushing for what is best for St Helena. I look forward to the challenge and will give my full commitment in working hard and I do hope that I will be able to make a valuable contribution to the development of our Health Service for the benefit of the people of St Helena. I will also give my full support to my role as a member of Executive Council. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The Speaker –
Thank you, Honourable Member. Any other Honourable Member wishes to speak? No other Honourable Member wishes to speak? Then I put the question, the question is that this Council do adjourn sine die.

Question put and agreed to.

The Speaker –
Council is so adjourned.

Council adjourned sine die.

