



Economic Development Committee (EDC) Minutes

Date: 27 August 2020

Venue: Council Chamber

Time: 09.00 am

Present: **Chairman** Hon Lawson Henry
 Members: Hon Gavin Ellick
 Hon Clint Beard
 Hon Cyril Leo
 Hon Miss Christine Scipio
 Director of Resources, Mrs Michelle Yon
 Director ENRPD, Mr Darren Duncan
 Chief Economist, Mrs Nicole Shamier

Secretary Miss Anita Legg

In Attendance: Senior Economist, Mrs Amanda Curry Brown

Apologies: Hon Financial Secretary, Mr Dax Richards
 Director of Enterprise, Mr Robert Midwinter
 Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Nicholas Yon

OPEN SESSION

42.1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting, with a special welcome to Mrs Yon standing in for Mr Midwinter. No members of the public were present. Apologies were received from the Financial Secretary, also from the Deputy Financial Secretary for the open session.

42.2 Declaration of Personal Interest

Cllr Scipio declared her interest in respect of any item related to farming, her father being a registered part time farmer. Cllr Ellick declared his interest in respect of his fish retail business and also the ESH business support. No other personal interests were declared.

42.3 ESH Updates to EDC, July 2020 – Director of Resources

The July progress and performance report had been circulated for advance reading. The Director of Resources provided brief highlights and invited comments. Key points raised from the discussion were:

- Covid-19 Support to the Business Community – In response to a query on whether consideration could be given to reviewing and extending the policy criteria, to help more people, ESH advised unfortunately they had no further funding as ESH is now only administering the scheme on behalf of SHG. In addition, EDC noted that when the scheme was approved by the ESH Board, it had to be dovetailed to the SHG scheme and focus was on links to tourism. It was agreed any further discussion could be held off-line.

Members requested data on the number of applications made and the implications for those businesses, in terms of the impact on the economy.

Action: Director of Resources

- Napoleonic Bicentenary – A member asked for an update on this event in terms of SHG's contribution. EDC were reminded that the request for funding to support this programme had been withdrawn due to budget constraints therefore ESH did not have any specific activities planned however they were supporting the Napoleonic Company programme, who were still planning events. Members felt there should be some community engagement thus it was suggested an email could be sent to the various groups on island to gauge their interest. It was agreed to ask the Tourism Office to take this forward.

Action: Director of Resources

- Taxi Best Practices – It was clarified that “best practices” signifies the minimum requirements for good standards in vehicles, such as non-smoking and cleanliness, in addition to MOT requirements.

The Chairman thanked the Director of Resources for keeping the committee updated.

42.4 Agenda Items for EDC Meeting at Kingshurst Community Center

It was established that the September, EDC, monthly meeting would be held during the evening at Kingshurst Community Centre. Members agreed arrangements should go ahead for Tuesday, 15 September at 7pm, with no further meetings being scheduled for the month of September; the next EDC meeting would be held in October.

Action: Secretary

Agenda items were agreed as follows:

Update on Labour Market Strategy for the first 6 months, by Senior Economist

Review of Sugar Tax, by Health Promotion Lead

Action: Senior Economist

It was also agreed Agricultural Support would be an interesting topic for constituents but would need to be approved by the ESH Board first. The next Board meeting would take place on 8th September and this item would be confirmed thereafter.

Action: Director of Resources

42.5 Confirmation of Open Minutes held on 23 July 2020

The minutes of the open meeting held on 23rd July 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

42.6 Matters Arising

42.6.1 Internal Audit Recommendations: Governance Review Council Committees

The Deputy Chief Secretary later provided an update on the request for a further amendment to the Council Committees (Rules of Procedure) Order, for papers to be circulated to the committee at least five working days before a meeting. Section 5 (2) of the Order states "... not later than 2 working days before the meeting" therefore a note circulated to Committee Secretaries on this point would suffice, in place of an amendment to the Order.

Action: Deputy Chief Secretary

42.6.2 Draft Policy for Communication Networks and Services, Memo 15/2020

Consultation ongoing.

Action: Chief Economist

42.6.3 Fish Catch Limits Annex to Fishing Licencing Policy, ENRPD Memo 2/2020

The Director updated EDC in that the last of the consultation meetings had been held and the comments were being worked through, in how it was proposed to update the table. He explained the plan for member's to share their views, provide feedback to the consultees, and then present to EDC for a decision.

Members agreed to meet informally on Monday 14th September at 11am.

Action: Director ENRPD

42.6.4 Draft Company Registry Policy, Memo 12/2020

A paper was being prepared to be presented to EDC.

Action: Chief Economist

42.6.5 Options for the Re-supply of Chicks for Egg Production, ENRPD Memo 3/2020

The Director agreed to provide an update further on in the meeting.

Action: Director ENRD

42.6.6 Port Regulations

Ongoing.

Action: Deputy Financial Secretary

There being no further business, this session of the Agenda was concluded and the Committee moved to closed session.

Minutes Approved: *C. Kelly*

Date: *22-10-20*

Chairman

