# Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Council held on Tuesday, 13th April 2021 at 9.30am in the Council Chamber

Present:

His Excellency the Governor (Dr Philip Rushbrook)

The Hon Chief Secretary (Mrs S O'Bey)

The Hon Financial Secretary (Mr D L Richards)
The Hon Attorney General (Mr A T Cansick)

The Hon C R Beard
The Hon C G Buckley
The Hon A A Green
The Hon L A Henry
The Hon D F Thomas

In attendance: Clerk of Councils (Mrs C C Johnson)

Head of Corporate Support (Mrs C A George)

Acting Head of News (Mr L Yon)

Head of Governor's Office (Mr Greg Gibson)

#### **OPEN SESSION**

#### 101.1 Welcome

The Governor welcomed all to the meeting noting that it had been a solemn week with the passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

# 101.2 Confirmation of Open Session Minutes of 16 March 2021

The minutes of the open session of the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were confirmed.

# 101.3 Matters Arising from the Open Session Minutes

101.3.1 (99.2) <u>Development Application - Proposed Construction of Pet Care Centre,</u> <u>Merrimens Forest (ExCo Memo 14/2021)</u>

The Chief Secretary confirmed that the processes relating to this application had been followed. She further explained that an applicant must in the first instance have development permission approval before the lease agreement is entered into which is standard process.

101.3.2 (99.3) <u>Development Application - Saint Helena Yacht Club, James Bay</u> (ExCo Memo 15/2021)

The Chief Secretary advised that the revised Land Development Control Policy was

on-going. Councillor Derek Thomas emphasised that the revisions to the Policy needed to be completed as a matter of priority and preferably finalised before the Chief Planning Officer departed for overseas leave in May because this would allow public consultations to occur before the Councillors term of office ended in July; the Chief Secretary noted the request.

## 101.3.3 (99.5) Investment Strategy and Policy update 2021 (ExCo Memo 17/2021)

The Attorney General reported that both the economists were working with the Legislative drafter on the changes to the Regulations which would be brought back to the next Executive Council meeting in April 2021.

## 101.4 Confirmation of Open Session Minutes of 30 March 2021

The minutes of the open session of the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were confirmed.

#### 101.5 Matters Arising from the Open Session Minutes

101.5.1 (100.3) Recognition of Exceptional Service - Proposed Badge of St Helena and Honorary Citizenship designation or Freedom of the City of Jamestown (ExCo Memo 20/2021)

The Attorney General advised that the Deputy Chief Secretary was working with staff from the Attorney General Chambers on finalising the draft bill.

#### 101.6 Any Other Business

#### 101.6.1 Draft Revision to the 2014 Directions Letter to the Chief Planning Officer

The Governor reported that on the 8th April 2021 he had circulated to Members and the Chair of the Land Development Control Authority a draft revision to the 2014 Directions Letter to the Chief Planning Officer. The Governor requested that comments on the draft letter be provided to him by the following week so that the matter could be referred back to the next meeting of Executive Council.

(Action: Hon Chairmen)

Clerk of Councils

P. Zwhbrosh

29-4-21 Date

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