

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Open Minutes of the Meeting held
Tuesday 18th January 2022 commencing at 2pm
at the Public Accounts Committee Office, Reflections Building, Dean Street

Present: Andrew Newman (AN) Chair
Sacha Cleminson (SC) Deputy Chair
Nadia Knight (NK) Lay Member
Teslyn Barkman MLA (TB) MLA
Peter Biggs MLA (PB) MLA

Minutes: Nancy Locke (NL) Secretary

Apologies: None

In attendance: Philip Honeybone (PH) Chief Internal Auditor, FIG
Ronnie McLennan Baird (RMB) PAC Researcher
Lisa Watson Penguin News
Triaghana Smith Falklands Radio
Kathie Daniels FITV

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and particularly extended a welcome to MLA Peter Biggs attending his first PAC and to Nadia Knight returning to the committee as a Lay Member and Teslyn Barkman as returning MLA member. Chair noted the attendance of the Press to the meeting and apologised for the lack of chairs. Chair explained to the press that the PAC have an ambitious work plan and that two reports are to be reviewed in the Closed Section which will be published shortly. The Chair explained the meeting is digitally recorded for sound.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th September 2021

The Open Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2021 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising from the Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th September 2021

- a) Correction to Paragraph 1 – should read Teams not Zoom.
- b) Item 4 Matters Arising reference Stanley Services/SAERI communication. The committee agreed, given the passage of time, to wait until the next set of financial accounts for SAERI are received and whether the concerns still require further examination.

5. Response from Legislative Assembly for PAC recommendation on Internal Audit Report 8/21 Resilience of Stanley’s Water Supply

Legislative Assembly upheld the government’s response and FIG’s updated Follow Up Report follows in the Closed Section. The committee discussed the response and noted that a number of points had been responded to positively however the resilience of water supply is critical infrastructure and an underlying concern remains amongst the committee. The PAC will monitor the actions due in June 22 and any follow up reports to ensure the recommendations have been acted upon.

6. Confirmation of dates & times for 2022 meetings

Proposed dates of next meetings to be attended in person or via Teams were discussed and the following dates were suggested:

Wednesday 9th March – 2pm TBC
Wednesday 3rd May – 1pm TBC
Thursday 30th June – 2pm TBC

8. Authority for documents from this meeting to be published

Members of the Public would be advised that copies of the minutes of the previous meeting would be published on the PAC’s website www.pac.org.fk.

The Chair requested that members of the public leave the room for the consideration of the following items in accordance with the Public Accounts Committee Ordinance as amended by the Part 9 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012.

I confirm that these minutes are an accurate record of the meeting

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(Chairperson)

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(Date)