

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Open Minutes of the Meeting held
Friday 28th June 2024 commencing at 10am
at the Public Accounts Committee Office, Reflections Building, Dean Street

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

Minutes: Nancy Locke (NL) PAC Secretary

Apologies: None

In attendance: Lisa Watson Penguin News
Amy Colman FITV
Thandeka Mtetwa Internal Auditor FIG
Ronnie McLennan Baird PAC Researcher
Mark Lewis PAC Researcher

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly the Press and Thandeka Mtetwa attending her first PAC meeting as Internal Auditor. There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 7: TB

Item 10: NL (FPV only)

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting

The Open Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2024 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

a) Response received from Legislative Assembly to PAC recommendations on the review of Emergency Services Digital Radio.

The Legislative Assembly had accepted the recommendations made by the PAC, it was noted that the response from the Falklands Government had been delayed as Legislative Assembly were not content with the first response.

AN commented that the procurement had been some time ago however this makes clear the importance of the work of the PAC being able to be carried out as soon as possible after completion of a project or during a current project like the Port or Vulnerable Person's Unit.

He also noted the response to recommendation number four, regarding documentation retention, was positive but is aware it is not fully in practice across all of the government departments.

5. Falkland Islands Government Financial Statements June 2023

The committee reviewed the full Falkland Islands Government Financial Statements. There were no comments from the members who were content.

6. Falkland Islands Development Corporation Financial Statements June 2023

The committee reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements. The committee had no comments and the members were content.

7. Falkland Islands Meat Company Financial Statements June 2023

The committee reviewed Financial Statements for FIMCo, noting the risks involved with future infrastructure costs and commenting on the exceptional product and importance to the rural community. There were no other comments from the members who were content.

8. Falkland Islands Tourist Board Financial Statements June 2023

The committee reviewed and discussed the FITB Financial Statements. The committee had no comments and the members were content.

9. Stanley Services Limited Financial Statements June 2023

The committee reviewed and discussed the Stanley Services Limited Financial Statements. The committee had no comments and the members were content.

10. Update on PAC reviews

The committee discussed the ongoing reviews on the Workplan to update the public on progress.

- a) Fishery Patrol Vessel (NL left the room). Research briefed the committee.
- b) Sure – Researcher briefed the committee.
- c) Port – timeline work in progress. Meeting due with Port team in DCS to gather more information.
- d) VPU – timeline work in progress. Key highlights May 2016 budget £5.8m, March 2017 budget £10m, March 2019 budget £16m, July 2023 budget £20m.

11. Confirmation of dates & times for 2024 meetings

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

Mid October

Early December (before 18th December for AN last meeting)

10. Authority for documents from this meeting to be published

Members of the Public would be advised that documents from this 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)