Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015 at the Parish Hall, St Saviour.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft; the Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock; the Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett; the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard and the Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

Non-exempt (public) under Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011

The Supervisory Committee confirmed that the Connétable of St Clement should preside at the meeting.

Minutes

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 8^{th} December 2014, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Rate Appeal Board – report for 2014

2. The Supervisory Committee noted the report of the Rate Appeal Board and that no appeals had been heard in 2014. The Committee requested that the letter be forwarded to the parochial Assessment Committees for information.

PECRS – pre-1987 debt

3. The Supervisory Committee noted that, as an admitted body to the Public Employees' Contributory Retirement Scheme (PECRS), the monthly repayment relating to pre-1987 debt would increase from £67 to £73 from 1st January 2015.

Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 – possible amendments

- 4. The Supervisory Committee requested the Law Draftsman to prepare amendments to the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 as follows:
 - a) to provide that the Committee might appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman rather than appoint a person to preside at each meeting (minute no. 1 of 17th November 2014 refers);
 - b) to increase the quorum for the Supervisory Committee from 5 to 7 members i.e. a majority; and
 - c) to provide for a parochial Assessment Committee to appoint a Chairman and, in the absence of the Chairman, for the members to appoint one of their members

to preside (rather than the Committee appoint a member present at the meeting to preside).

The Committee discussed the provisions of Articles 2, 7 and 14 relating to the Rates List and Approved Rates List being available for public inspection. The Committee supported these documents being made available on-line so that ratepayers might, more conveniently, access information about the rateable value of a property and accordingly agreed to seek advice as to whether any amendment to the law might be desirable to ensure that publication in this way met the requirements of legislation.

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