

# Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
in the Blampied Room, States Building, St Helier

**Present:**

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

Draft Budget  
Statement 2018  
(P.90/2017) and  
Draft Finance  
(2018 Budget)  
(Jersey) Law  
201-  
(P.98/2017)

1. The Comité, with reference to minute no. 2 of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 of the Supervisory Committee, discussed the amendments lodged by the Connétable of St Helier to the Draft Finance (2018 Budget) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.98/2017) and to the Draft Budget Statement 2018 (P.90/2017) to impose a liability for parish rates on the States of Jersey.

Having recalled that a Steering Group in 2002 and 2003, and a Working Party in 2005, had concluded that the States should pay the parish and island-wide rates on all its land and property, the Comité decided to propose amendments to the Budget Statement and to the Finance (2018 Budget) Law to achieve this outcome. Whilst the exact amount to be paid by the States in rates would not be known until the Parishes' Assessment Committees had finished their work, and the Parish Assemblies had agreed their estimates of expenditure, based on the number of rateable quarters in each Parish which had been provisionally assessed and the impact on the non-domestic (ND) rate from the increase in number of ND quarters, the Comité estimated the cost to the States of paying both the parish rates and the island-wide rates would be approximately £1,894,000. The Comité considered this money should be funded from contingency or departmental underspends, with the relevant Ministers to choose which was the most appropriate option, and was informed by the Connétable of St Helier that he would accept these amendments.

The Comité requested that the amendments and reports should be lodged "au Greffe" for debate.

Chairman .....*L Norman*..... Date .....*11/12/2017*.....

