

# Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
(virtual meeting conducted online).

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman  
Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman  
Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman  
Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard  
Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson  
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre  
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor  
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur  
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert  
Connétable de Ste Marie - J. M. Le Bailly  
Connétable de St Ouën - R. A. Buchanan  
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

- Minutes 1. The minutes of the meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.
- Rates Assessors – Covid-19 vaccinations 2. The Supervisory Committee discussed the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccinations and its availability for Rates Assessors. The Committee recalled that the outbreak of the coronavirus lockdown in March 2020 had coincided with the work of assessing rateable values in 2020 and had impacted on the work of some Assessors who had been required to shield. A query had been raised about the timescale for vaccinations, and thus the resumption of normal activities by Assessors, as this might minimise the impact on assessing in 2021. The Committee discussed the timetable published by the Government of Jersey and noted that, depending on age, Assessors might already have received a first vaccination, or could expect to receive this within the next few weeks, with the second vaccination from April 2021 (for those over 80). The Committee therefore decided that each Parish should continue to make appropriate arrangements to assist its Assessors to undertake their role safely whilst they awaited vaccinations in accordance with the published timetable.
- Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 and Rates Assessors 3. The Supervisory Committee was reminded of certain requirements of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 namely:
- a) Appointment of Chairman - Article 37(3) of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 required the members of an Assessment Committee, at the first meeting held in each year, to appoint one of their number to act as the Committee's chairman (until 31<sup>st</sup> December).
  - b) Minutes of proceedings - Article 37(6) required the Assessment Committee to keep minutes of its proceedings in a book kept for that purpose and this might be required as evidence.

c) Rates List - Article 5 required the Assessment Committee to make an assessment (in the specified circumstances) and to enter the assessment on the Rates List before the end of May in the rateable year.

Government  
Covid-19  
subsidy scheme  
based on  
business rates

4. The Supervisory Committee noted that the Government of Jersey was working on a Fixed Costs Support Scheme for businesses severely impacted by Covid-19 Health Restrictions. In order to calculate the amount a business could claim under the scheme, a business would need to know the rates paid by the business in 2020 (the combined non-domestic rate, including both Parish specific rates and Island-wide rates) as part of the application process. The Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department had thought it prudent to alert the Parishes that they might receive calls from resident businesses within the Parish requesting proof of their rates paid for 2020. They apologised in advance for any inconvenience this might cause.

Chairman ..... Date .....