

Council of Ministers

(51st Meeting)

23rd January 2024

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development
 Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North, Minister for Children and Education
 Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for Treasury and Resources (for part of item A2 only)
 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour, Minister for External Relations
 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing and Communities
 Deputy H.M. Miles of St. Brelade, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs
 Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade, Minister for the Environment
 Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement, Minister for Health and Social Services (for part of item A2 only)

In attendance –

Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Minister for Social Security
 Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement, Assistant Chief Minister
 Dr. A. McLaughlin, Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Public Service, Government of Jersey
 M.H. Temple, K.C., H.M. Attorney General
 P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office
 S. Youd, Executive Support Officer, Ministerial Office
 K.L. Slack, Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only

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| Minutes. | A1. The Minutes of the Council of 5th December (Parts A and B), 7th December and 19th December 2023 (Part A only), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed. |
| Appreciation and reflections on the past 18 months. | A2. Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister, welcomed Ministers to the final meeting of the Council, as currently constituted, following the Vote of No Confidence, which had been adopted by the States Assembly on 16th January 2024 (P.1/2024 referred) and thanked them for the significant efforts that they had all brought to their individual roles. She indicated that she was disappointed not to have been given the opportunity to complete the work that had commenced in June 2022, but expressed the opinion that the Council had comprised a diverse and strong team which had, throughout its period in office, |

held the best interests of the Island at the forefront of its thoughts.

The Council was reminded that its clear focus had been on the key areas of the cost of living, housing, recruitment and retention and that positive and bold steps had been taken in relation thereto. A significant amount had been achieved during the previous 18 months and progress had been made in 85 different areas. These were noted to include investment in critical services, a personal tax allowance of £20,000, increasing the minimum wage from £9.22 per hour to £11.64, the proposed wind farm, concept designs for the new health care facilities and demolition of buildings at Overdale, the opening of the Enid Quenault wing in St. Brelade and enabling French tourists to travel to the Island for day trips on their *carte d'identité* rather than requiring a passport.

The Chief Minister expressed the hope that, with her successor due to be elected on 25th January 2024, several of the current Ministers would be reinstated and have the opportunity to continue to bring their significant knowledge and ability to their respective roles. She acknowledged their wise counsel and indicated that one of the greatest challenges of her tenure had been to maintain unity within a strong and diverse team.

Ministers commended the Chief Minister for her professionalism, commitment and assistance over the past 18 months, which had been challenging at times and highlighted the findings of the review by the Royal College of Physicians into the Rheumatology service, which had been published on 23rd January 2024 and vindicated the Minister for Health and Social Services and, by extension, the Council for the steps that had been taken in endeavouring to bring about change within the Health and Community Services Department.

The Chief Minister reiterated her thanks to Ministers and expressed gratitude to H.M. Attorney and Solicitor Generals for the provision of advice when required, to the Head of Ministerial Office and Executive Support Officer for supporting the Council and to the Secretariat Officer, States Greffe, for her excellent and accurate Minutes.