

FOR PUBLICATION

Board of Governance of the Comptroller and Auditor General

MEETING

held on 26 March 2018 at 10:30 am
at the Government of Jersey London Office, 4th Floor, 2 Queen Anne's Gate
Buildings, Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BP and by video conference

MINUTES

Present	Peter Price Russel Griggs Karen McConnell	Chairman (by VC) Independent Member (by VC) Comptroller and Auditor General
In attendance	Stephen Warren	Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General

18/01 Item 1: Declarations of interest

Members of the Board confirmed that their declarations of interest were up to date.

Members of the Board did not identify any interests relevant to the matters on the agenda.

18/02 Item 2: Chairman's update

The Chairman reported that since the last meeting his focus had been on securing the appointment of an additional independent member of the Board, a topic covered later on the agenda.

The Chairman welcomed the extent of the press coverage that the Comptroller and Auditor General's reports had received.

18/03 Item 3: Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2017

The Board received the draft minutes of its meeting held on 21 November 2017.

The Board agreed to adopt the minutes of its meeting held on 21 November 2017.

18/04 Item 4: Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2017

The Board received a report from the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General detailing the actions agreed at its meeting of 21 November 2017 and the steps subsequently taken.

The Board noted the report.

18/05 Item 5: Schedule of potential changes to legislation and advice sought from H M Attorney General

The Board received a report from the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General detailing potential changes to legislation previously identified by the Board and the advice received from H M Attorney General. The Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General explained that the schedule was unchanged from that presented to the previous meeting of the Board.

The Board noted the report.

18/06 Item 6: Recruitment of an independent member of the Board of Governance: update

The Board received a report from the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Board agreed interview arrangements.

18/07 Item 7: The Comptroller and Auditor General's general report

The Board received a report from the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Board noted the report.

The Board endorsed the business case for provision of IT support.

18/08 Item 8: Financial Update

The Board received a report from the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Board noted the report.

The Board agreed future refinements to the presentation of the report.

18/09 Item 9: Draft annual accounts of the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General for the year ended 31 December 2017

The Board received a report from the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General and the draft annual accounts.

The Board noted that Notes 17 and 18 of the annual accounts would be completed after the preparation of the States of Jersey's accounts.

The Board noted the report and the draft annual accounts.

18/10 Item 10: Draft assurance statement on the expenses of the Comptroller and Auditor General

The Board received a report from the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General and a schedule of the expenses of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Board noted that some final validation of the information was being undertaken.

The Board agreed, subject to final validation of information, to authorise the Chairman to sign the assurance statement for publication with the annual accounts.

18/11 Item 11: Gifts and hospitality register

The Board received a report from the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General and reviewed the register for 2017 and the register for 2018 to date.

The Board noted the report and the contents of the register.

18/12 Item 12: Risk register

The Board received a paper from the Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General and reviewed the risk register.

The Board noted the report and reviewed the contents of the register.

18/13 Item 13: Forward look

The Board reviewed the draft forward look.

Subject to the addition of 'forward look' under Autumn 2018, the Board agreed the forward look.

18/14 Item 14: Date and time of forthcoming meetings

The Board agreed that its Summer 2018 meeting would be held in the Government of Jersey London Office on 19 July 2018 at 10:30.

The Board agreed that, subject to confirmation of the Chairman's availability to be received in May 2018, its Autumn 2018 meeting would be held in the Jersey Audit Office, Jersey on 9 October 2018.

18/15 Chairman's closing remarks

The Chairman highlighted the impact of the work of the Office, drawing particular attention to the seminal importance of the work to identify recurring themes from the Office's reports and the follow-up being given to it.

The meeting closed at 12:25