## **ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT**

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## Formal meeting of the Ascension Island Council 1400 on Tuesday 25th March 2019 at the Court House

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Present: HE Lisa Honan, Governor

HH Steven Chandler, Administrator

Gareth Morris, Director of Resources Allen Cansick, Acting Attorney General

In attendance: Nathan Millington, Director of Operations & Facilities

Catherine Leo, Assistant Director of Finance

Sarah Roberts-Favell, Head of Administrator's Office

Jane Disley, Clerk of Council

Councillor Nicholas John

Councillor Samantha Arms-Lawrence

Councillor Alan Nicholls Councillor Terence Young

Apologies:

Councillor Keturah George (overseas)

The Ascension Island Council met primarily to discuss the 2019-2020 draft budget and vote on whether or not to recommend its acceptance to the Governor. Considerable preparatory material had been circulated to the Council, and the Director of Resources had discussed the details individually with councillors prior to the meeting. In addition there had been an informal budget-focused Council meeting on 19 March during which the budget material had been reviewed, discussed and debated via an extensive question and answer session.

During this formal meeting, the Director of Resources presented a summary of the budget and explained the rationale for some of the figures presented. It was also explained that the new budget would need to be formally presented via a new Ordinance, a draft of which had been presented in advance of the meeting. Some additional questions were raised and addressed and then Councillors were asked to offer their opinion on whether or not to recommend acceptance or rejection of the proposed budget and of the draft Ordinance. All councillors approved both the budget and the draft Ordinance, and the Governor accepted their recommendation.

Under Any Other Business there was discussion about the additional Christmas flights for 2019, Hydroponics, Two Boats pool, Two Boats playground and effluent water supplies. Thanks were expressed on behalf of Island residents to the Head of Administrator's Office and the AIG team for organising additional food supplies to cover the FIRS delay.

The meeting closed at 1450hrs.