

## **THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT**

### **CABINET DECISIONS**

23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

#### **Cabinet Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022**

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022. The meeting was held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Health and Social Development, who was overseas on official travel.

Cabinet:

1. Approved:
  - a. the appointment of Ms. Valera Fikile Dlamini as the reviewer for Recommendation B1 of the COI Recommendations as set out in the terms of reference developed by the COI Recommendations Implementation Unit and vetted by the Attorney General's Chambers; and
  - b. the appointment of Mr. Jamal Smith as the reviewer for Recommendation B25 of the COI Recommendations as set out in the terms of reference developed by the COI Recommendations Implementation Unit and vetted by the Attorney General's Chambers.
2. Accepted the National Bank of the Virgin Islands (NBVI) Limited Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 2020; decided that in accordance with Section 39 (2)(a) of the Development Bank of the Virgin Islands Act (CAP. 100) that the NBVI Limited Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 2020 be tabled at the next convenient sitting of the House of Assembly; and decided that in accordance with Section 39 (2)(b) of the Act that the audited Financial Statements for the year ending 2020 be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette.
3. Approved four Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence applications.

## **Cabinet Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> September. 2022**

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. The meeting was held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Health and Social Development and the Minister for Communication and Works, who were overseas on official travel.

Cabinet:

1. Accepted the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 2020; and decided that the Report be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
2. Considered and approved the Bill entitled, Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 2022 ("the Bill"); and decided that the Bill be introduced for its first reading at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
3. Considered and approved the Insolvency (Amendment) Rules, 2022; and advised that the draft Rules be published in the Gazette and to take effect on the same date that the Insolvency (Amendment) Act, 2022 is brought into force.
4. Noted that:
  - a. the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour has implemented the change in policy of advertising available lands for sale under Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence to include posting the information on Government's website at [bvi.gov.vg/nblhl](http://bvi.gov.vg/nblhl);
  - b. the publication of available sales on Government's website enhances the availability of information to assist first time home and land owners, as well as any other prospective purchasers, to realise their aspirations to have a greater stake in the economic and social opportunities in the Virgin Islands; and
  - c. the Ministry has partnered with the Department of Information Technology and the Town and Country Planning Department to create an online portal, which is built on the current Geographic Information Services technology available and in use. Training in use has been delivered to the Ministry by TCP to manage the postings and related information.
5. Approved three Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence applications.

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