

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

6th October, 2021

Cabinet Meeting – 6th October, 2021

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 6th October, 2021, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Conference Room.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, who was overseas on official business.

The Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and accepted the 2020 Office of the Complaints Commission's Annual Report and decided that it be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Reviewed and accepted the Evaluation Report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) technical committee, which was approved by the CTB on 24th August, 2021; and accepted the CTB's recommendation to award Accurate Construction the contract for the Huntum's Ghut Economic Zone Commercial Buildings in the amount of five hundred forty-nine thousand, seven hundred forty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$549,741.38).
3. Reviewed and accepted the Evaluation Report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) technical committee, which was approved by the CTB on 14th September, 2021; and accepted the CTB's recommendation to award Electronic Solutions and Services Ltd. a contract for Dark Fibre Activation for the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force in the amount of one hundred and twelve thousand, six hundred and three dollars and eighty-five cents (\$112,603.85).
4. Reviewed and accepted the Evaluation Report submitted by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) technical committee, which was approved by the CTB on 24th August, 2021; and accepted the CTB's recommendation to award Kendol Arthur and Colene Penn *dba* K & C Construction, a contract for the Construction of the Public Restroom Facility at Brewers Bay Beach in the amount of one hundred and twenty-four thousand, two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$124,258.70).

5. Retroactively approved the waiver of the tender process to retain the services of a consultant to provide statistician services for the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) for the period 1st May, 2020 to 31st December, 2021; decided that Adrian DaCosta be retained from 1st May, 2020 until a suitable candidate is appointed to the post following the conclusion of the recruitment process by 30th November, 2021, and agreed that the Government of the Virgin Islands enter into an agreement with Mr. DaCosta for the sum of sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) for the twenty-month period.
6. Considered the Bill entitled, Water and Sewerage Authority Act, 2021, which seeks to transform the Water and Sewerage Department into a Statutory Authority under the Ministry of Transportation, Works and Utilities, and decided that the Bill be introduced for its first reading in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
7. Approved recommended amendments to the Non-Profit Organisations Act, 2012 and the Non-Profit Organisations (Amendment) Act, 2020 Bill (consolidated), and decided that the Ministry of Health and Social Development instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the amendments to be reflected in a Bill, Non-Profit Organisation (Amendment) 2021.
8. Approved permission for development on an existing lease of Crown land and also an amendment to an existing bank charge on the lease of Crown land for commercial use, respectively.

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