

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISION

25th and 31st January, 2023

Cabinet Meeting – 25th January, 2023

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 25th January, 2023 at the Premier's Conference Room.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Accepted and approved the draft Management Framework for the Records Management Centre; decided that by 1st June, 2023 all departments of Government will commence the digitisation of all current records, and an assessment will be carried out with the view to advancing to a formal electronic management system, adapted from the model used by the Financial Services Commission; noted that the operating Budget for the Records Centre is in the amount of one hundred twenty-eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$128,500) and approved that this amount be sought via a Schedule of Additional Provision.
2. Approved the appointment of Mr. Kedrick E. Malone as the reviewer for Recommendation B33 of the COI Recommendations - Residency and Belonger Status as set out in the terms of reference developed by the COI Recommendations Implementation Unit; noted that the six-month appointment from 15th January, 2023 to 14th July, 2023; and noted that the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) has been budgeted for this review.
3. Decided that permission be granted to vary the existing leasehold charge over parcel owned by the Crown for an unexpired term of fifty (50) years for commercial purposes.
4. Considered and approved the Financial Services (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023, which seeks to amend the Financial Services (Fees) Regulations by repealing and replacing the Schedule in its entirety; decided that the regulations be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette; and thereafter laid on the table of the House of Assembly at its next convenient Sitting in accordance with section 62(2) of the Financial Services Commission Act (Revised Edition 2020).

Cabinet Meeting – 31st January, 2023

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 31st January, 2023 at the Premier's Conference Room.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and considered the Bill, entitled Police Act, 2023, noting that the Bill will replace the Police Act, Revised Edition 2013, in its entirety; and decided that it be introduced in the House of Assembly for its first reading at the next convenient Sitting.
2. Reviewed and approved the National Sustainable Development Plan entitled, "Vision 2036: Building a Sustainable Virgin Islands"; and decided that it be tabled at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.

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