

13th Meeting of the Board of the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) held on Thursday, 26 July 2018, at 10:00 am, at Conference Room A, Registry of Corporate Affairs, Pasea Estate, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mr. Clarence Faulkner (Acting Chair)
Mr. Clyde Lettsome
Ms. Sharie deCastro
Pastor Gregory George

Apologies:

Mr. Robert Mathavious
Ms. Monica La Bennett
Ms. Maria Mays
Dr. David Hancock

Outstanding Action Points from Previous Meeting

- Action Point #2: Mr. Smith to arrange pre-meeting with Permanent Secretaries to determine relevant issues to be discussed at meeting with RDA Board and to set a date for the meeting between all PSs and RDA Board after consultation with the Deputy Governor is completed.
Details regarding communication with the PSs are included in the ITF Update dated 26 July 2018. It is anticipated that further communication will take place during the course of the upcoming week.
- Action Point #3: The ITF to make the necessary arrangements for the IT facilities to be put in place as agreed by the RDA Board.
An update on the progress should be sought from Mr. Smith.

Action

- Action Point #1: Update on the arrangements for IT facilities of the RDA.
- Action Point #2: Letter of request for an audience to be drafted for dispatch to the Permanent Secretaries of the BVI Government.
- Action Point #3: Mr. Smith to develop a skeleton reporting mechanism for the ITF to report regularly to the RDA Board on ongoing projects, apart and in addition to the written updates which have been submitted weekly for the RDA Board.
- Action Point #4: Applications and CVs for the shortlisted RDA Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") candidates to be shared with the RDA CEO upon his arrival to the territory next week.
- Action Point #5: Mr. Lettsome to liaise with the Secretariat to arrange for a meeting to discuss prospects for the Tourism and Emergency Vehicles.
- Action Point #6: Members to meet with Lord Ahmad during his visit to the territory on Tuesday, 31 July 2018.

Decisions

- The RDA Board agreed to meet with representatives of the Cello Group to learn more about the proposal for providing better air access between the BVI and the US Mainland, but agreed that it was likely a policy issue for the Government.
- The Board requested that the ITF regularly submits updates in advance of RDA Board meetings. It was decided that a skeleton reporting mechanism be developed for the ITF to provide formal updates on the progression of ongoing projects to the RDA Board.
- It was agreed that the applications and CVs for the shortlisted RDA Chief Financial Officer candidates be shared with the RDA CEO upon his arrival to the territory next week.
- It was agreed that the establishment of a business venture with passenger drones be discussed with the RDA's CEO and that further dialogue should take place with the BVIAA as well as the Chair of the Tourist Board if there is a territorial interest.
- Members agreed to meet with Lord Ahmad during his visit to the territory on Tuesday, 31 July 2018.