MINUTES 2nd MEETING OF 2016 THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 7th MARCH 2016 CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner of Police David Baines

Chairman

W. Norman Bodden

Member

Acting Auditor General Garnet Harrison

Member

Acting Complaints Commissioner Bridgette Von Gerhardt

Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Oliver

Detective Inspector, ACU

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden

Manager

Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 15 February 2016 meeting were confirmed.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting ACC Legislation

Members queried whether the amended legislation would have a retrospective clause in it. The Manager explained that the current legislation was not being repealed and was only being amended so there was no need for such a clause, however there was a savings provision to ensure that ongoing investigations and/or prosecutions were not jeopardized by the amendments. Members were informed that they would have the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments however at this time Cabinet had not provided policy directives on some of the matters such as the composition of the Commission and thus the currently proposed amendments were based on research of other jurisdictions.

4. New Business

a. Meeting with Deloitte

The Manager and the Senior Investigator, along with representatives of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, attended a presentation at Deloitte which provided an overview of the on-island forensic capabilities the company can provide to its clients. Consideration will be given to the use of these services in future investigations.

b. Staffing Matters

The Chairman, in his capacity as Commissioner, has made some staffing changes and two new Investigators joined the Anti-Corruption Unit for a four month period in order to assist in investigations. The Manager has also received permission from the Head of the Civil Service to recruit and fill the Investigator posts. The advertisement was published last week and the Manager expects the roles to be filled by 1 July 2016. One of the posts is being transferred into a trainee post, reserved for a Caymanian, in order to ensure succession planning in the Unit.

c. Extension of the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery

The Attorney General is again asking the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to extend the Convention to the Cayman Islands and is requesting a brief summary from the Manager detailing the Commission's involvement with civil society since Cayman's last report in 2012.

d. Website Changes

Members were informed that the Manager has undertaken a procurement process and is waiting on approvals from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Officer of the Portfolio of the Civil Service in order to award the contract. In the interim, members were asked to review the current website and identify any new material they would wish to see made available on the site.

5. Operational Update

The Commission received an update from the Senior Investigator on the 6 ongoing investigations being conducted by the ACU. The purpose of these updates is to provide the members with insight into the types of cases being handled by the ACU and as a result the levels of workload they are experiencing and the resources necessary to handle such workloads. Specific details such as names, locations, dates, etc. are included in a separate schedule due to security issues. Information shared with members is done so to ensure they are able to fully act in their capacity as an oversight body.

The Commission was informed that since inception (1st Jan. 2010) there have been 124 complaints registered by the ACC, of which:

- a. 13 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- b. 95 have been concluded:
- c. 10 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- d. 6 are under current active investigation.

6. Report by the Auditor General

The Acting Auditor General provided a briefing of the concerns he is experiencing and investigating which relate to the Anti-Corruption Commission. It is noted that his office works closely with the Anti-Corruption Unit in some instances and thus information is shared in a collaborative effort.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

a. Anti-Corruption Legislation

9. **Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was tentatively agreed for 19 April 2016 at 10am.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

David Baines

CHAIRMAN

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION