MINUTES 3rd MEETING OF 2014 THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION 12 MAY, 2014 CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner of Police David Balnes Sir Peter Allen

Leonard Ebanks

Complaints Commissioner Nicola Williams

Member

Chairman

Member

Member

Member

Auditor General Alastair Swarbrick

Richard Oliver

Detective Inspector, ACU

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Antony Hill

APOLOGIES:

Detective Constable

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden

Manager

1. Meeting called to order

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

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes of the 10th March, 2014 meeting were confirmed.

3. **Outstanding Business**

a. 2014 UCCI Conference: Towards a Corruption-Free Caribbean: Ethics, Values and Morality

Member Leonard Ebanks attended and presented on behalf of the Anti-Corruption Commission at the 2014 UCCI Conference at a Plenary Session entitled Institutions Supporting Democracy in the Quest for a Corruption-Free Cayman Islands. The Session was Chaired by Former Deputy Governor Donnie Ebanks and other panel members included Jan Liebaers representing the Office of the Information Commissioner, Wil Pineau representing the Constitutional Commission, Alastair Swarbrick representing the Office of the Auditor General, Alistair Walters representing the Human Rights Commission, and Nicola Williams representing the Office of the Complaints Commissioner,

b. 2014-2015 Budget

There have been no changes in the budget for the 2014-2015 year however the budget has yet to be presented in the Legislative Assembly and thus has yet to be confirmed.

c. Legal Advice

While the ACC has not obtained funding to have a dedicated legal advisor who is able to concentrate fully on ACC matters it has been able to begin discussions with a local firm which would be able to assist if the need arises for the Commission to obtain outside legal advice.

d. Server/Software Programme

The Manager has now been able to secure funds to purchase a small server and a case management system for the use by the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU). It is hoped that these will be installed and in use by the middle of June. The use of these systems will ensure information is kept securely and that the ACU is able to comply with legal disclosure issues as cases proceed to trial.

4. New Business

a. Offshore Alert Conference 2014

The Offshore Alert Conference 2014 was held on 5 and 6 April 2014 in Miami. D/C Hill attended as part of training for the ACU; as such he attended this part of the meeting in order to provide an overview on the conference. The conference aims to allow attendees "to exchange financial intelligence on offshore finance including the very latest on tax initiatives, political issues, beneficial ownership registries, financial transparency, and compliance requirements." D/C Hill gleaned an understanding of corruption from a financial perspective by attending this conference.

5. Operational Update

The Commission received an update from the Commissioner and the Manager on the 23 ongoing investigations being conducted by the ACC Unit. The purpose of these updates is to provide the members with insight into the types of cases being handled by the ACC Unit 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 103 complaints registered by the ACC (21 of which have been received within the current reporting period 1 July, 2013 – 30 June, 2014), of which:

- a. 3 are 'pending' awaiting further or sufficient information which may make it appropriate to make further investigations;
- b. 68 have been concluded:
- c. 9 have been transferred to other investigative units for action; and
- d. 23 are under current active investigation.

6. Report by the Auditor General

The Auditor General was not in attendance and therefore no report was given.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

8. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- a. 2014/2015 Budget
- b. Server/Software Programme

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8 July, 2014 at 10am.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

reiner 5th August 2014.

David Baines

CHAIRMAN

ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION