



Decision List BC Meeting 07/16/2024

Subtitle	Weekly BC Meeting
Date	07/16/2024
Time	9:00 – 12:00
Location	Courtroom
Chair	Governor Johnson
Attendees	Eviton Heyliger, Jonathan Johnson and Bruce Zagers

1.0.0 Welcome

2.0.0 Minutes

3.0.0 Discussion Papers

3.0.4 Adjustment reporting schedule VHL coral restoration

With dossier nr 439 the Saba Conservation Foundation and Van Hall Larenstein received subsidies for the execution of phase 1 of the NEPP coral restoration plan.

The subsidies were given for a two year period (see attached subsidy letters). However, part of the proposal of VHL included a 4 year PhD position. Although the rest of the work will be done within a 2-year time frame, the PhD work will continue for another two years after that. VHL therefore requested to extend the subsidy term with two years for their proposal, see attached. The submittal dates of interim reports will be the same, as well as the moments for transferring the different tranches of the subsidy. A final report will be submitted after the 4 year period.

Additionally, because the allocation of the subsidy was a bit delayed, VHL could not start the work as planned on July 1st. Therefore, VHL asks PES to add four months to the overall project timeline.

Although SCF has not contacted PES regarding the project timeline, they may also experience a delay because of the timing of the subsidy allocation. It is therefore advised to offer SCF the same four month addition to their (2 year) timeline if requested.



Decision:

Approved.

3.0.5 Application for Volkshuisvestingsfonds – Renovation Grant Saba

The Volkshuisvestingsfonds (Housing fund) has been made available for the first time for the BES-islands. It is aimed at improving safety and livability of the most vulnerable groups by measures such as home improvement, home transformation, and improvement of the public realm. One million euros is available for Saba, with additional local co-financing of 30% required. The application deadline is 1 October 2024.

It is proposed to split the application for the fund into two parts. The first application for a total of 189,000 Euro will be aimed at setting up a Renovation Grant Saba to help homeowners to make necessary repairs to improve the safety and livability of their homes. This will be co-financed by the Poverty Budget and the Home Repair Assistance program by the Community Development & Culture Department. A second proposal for the remaining €811,000 in the VHF for Saba will be developed in advance of 1 October.

Decision:

Approved.

3.0.8 Cyber incident response process

Following approved BC proposals (#919/23 and #923/23) concrete actions have been taken to secure the Public Entity Saba against Cyber incidents. Following the policies from the aforementioned proposals our network is being monitored 24/7 against vulnerabilities and a decision tree-based process is setup in order to allow for a correct and swift flow when incidents are alerted upon.

Decision:

Approved.

3.1.0 Development and implementation PES Mobile Application

PES is working towards an integral Mobile Application designed to take the functionalities of the new website, Facebook, WhatsApp, and the Crisis Management App and combine them into one App. In this way we



provide an alternative to Facebook for dissemination of information, provide society/users an easier and timely way to directly access government services and information and utilize crisis management capabilities (internal PES CMS and messaging, push notifications to all phones, etc.). The latter in close collaboration with the department of Public Order & Safety.

The core function is focused on providing information/news to the public. Using a Mobile App enhances the direct way of communication with society. Keeping development and implementation within our organization instead of outsourcing towards a supplier does not only mean cost effectiveness (low investment and maintenance), but more importantly it enables quick responsiveness and adaptation by the government. No interference of other parties and direct delivery towards society enlarging the trust in government.

Decision:

Approved.

3.1.2 Landside Enhancement of Airport

In February 2024, airport management met with the heads of the agriculture and public works departments to discuss completing the enhancement of the area in front of the airport.

The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Works and the Reforestation Project have agreed to collaborate with the airport on this enhancement project.

The costs to carry out these works will come from their respective budgets.

Decision:

Approved.

4.0.0 Formalities

5.0.0 Incoming pieces/Request (on paper)



Wijziging subsidie (414/2024)

Ministry of Justice approves the amendment and extension of the subsidy for the Legal Desk until January 1, 2025.

Decision:

Approved

Bijzondere uitkering Sociale Kanstrajecten Jongeren BES (423/2024)

Submission for a special grant for the year 2025 has been extended to August 1, 2024.

Decision:

Approved

Besluit en ministriële regeling dubbele kinderslag intensieve zorg BES – Saba (415/2024)

The Ministry of Social Affairs informs the Executive Council of the double child benefits for intensive care. This is to be worked out further in defining what is intensive care.

Decision:

Approved

Financiële beschikking MBO (413/2024)

The Ministry of Education provides an overview of financial decisions referring to “Onderbouwing beschikkingen”.

Decision:

Approved

Overzicht huidige en voorgestelde tarieven (416/2024)

The Kadaster provides a proposed amendment of the Tarievenregeling Kadaster BES per January 1, 2025.

Decision:

Approved

Vaststelling Ruimtelijke Ontwikkelingsprogramma Caribisch Nederland

BZK informs the Executive Council that after taking in account the advice received from the public entities, textual changes were made to the draft program, which was approved by the council of ministers on June 24, 2024.



Decision:
Approved

Subsidievaststelling verhuurderssubsidie 2023 (412/2024)

The ministry of public housing informs the Executive Council that it received that accountability report regarding the verhuursubsidie. Based on this a back payment will be made in the amount of 29.570,68 USD.

Decision:
Approved

Voorstel postcodes ter behoeve van Caribisch Nederland (417/2024)

The public entities along with the federal government have collectively decided to use postal codes in the public entities. BZK presents a preferred variant for the consultation of the Executive Council.

Decision:
Approved

Uitstel einddatum bijdrage Flexpool 2023 en 2024 (418/2024)

The ministry of public housing informs the Executive Council that the request for extension of the subsidy has been approved and extended until December 31, 2025.

Decision:
Approved

6.0.0

Announcements

1. Governor Johnson
2. Commissioner Zagers
3. Commissioner Heyliger
4. Island Secretary Streppel

7.0.0

Signing

8.0.0

Closing