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CHIEF PLEAS RESPONSE TO JUSTICE SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT: Crown Dependencies: developments since 2010

PRESS RELEASE

Chief Pleas welcomes the Justice Select Committee's report.

The report acknowledges the progress made to further strengthen the governance of the Island since a fully democratic government was established in 2008.

This progress has been achieved with encouragement and support from the other Crown Dependencies and the MOJ. This valued support has consistently come from colleagues on neighbouring islands. This, and the hard work of the Conseillers of the island are recognised in the report.

Equally the Committee's conclusion is welcomed, which states 'Disputes between different interest groups on the Island should not be allowed to get in the way of the responsibility of the authorities on Sark to continue to implement democratic processes and plan a sustainable future for the island, and the UK government should continue to encourage and support them in achieving this'.

It's encouraging to know that the Committee is satisfied that there are mechanisms in place in the Crown Dependencies to test and rectify any individuals' issues and grievances.

Chief Pleas takes its responsibilities seriously both within the island jurisdiction and to the wider community beyond. It is reassured that it can expect the continuing valued support of the UK government as suggested in this report.

Chief Pleas will continue to strengthen its governance of the Island for the benefit of all of those who live, work and do business here.

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