



The Government of Sark

## **POLICY AND PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEES**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **SEVEN OF THE 22 VISIT SARK**

Twelve Members of Sark's Chief Pleas met with the visiting seven of the 22 signatories of the Open Letter published in the Guernsey Press, to the Island on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Those who visited were Rupert Dorey, Frank Walker, Mark Thompson, Luke Wheadon, Wayne Bulpitt, Adrian Heyworth and Dame Mary Perkins.

The day included a walking tour taking in the Avenue, a busy *Food Stop*, the Visitors Centre, the Fire Service, Chief Pleas Assembly Room and various building projects. Over lunch at the Island Hall there was time to share information about the island and the government's work on priorities that are essential to Sark's future economic prosperity.

Charles Maitland, Chairman of the Policy and Performance Committee said 'I hope now that our visitors today have a comprehensive picture of Sark, and it was good to hear that 'there is a lot of support, not criticism'. Members of the group were impressed with the dedication of everyone they met, and acknowledged that the challenges are tough as they are for any jurisdiction.

Sark is preparing for another busy tourist season during which we shall welcome visitors to the Folk Festival, Sheep Racing and many other events.

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