



The Government of Sark

## **POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

### **BAILIWICK COUNCIL MEETING**

The Press Release below was issued on behalf of the Bailiwick Council following their recent meeting held in Alderney.

The remit of the Bailiwick Council is: "To better handle and promote proactive and positive engagement between the governments and communities of the islands; and to provide forums for improved cooperation, consultation and communication both internally and externally."

On Friday 3 June 2016 the third Bailiwick Council meeting was held in Alderney and hosted by the States of Alderney. The Council has become a forum exploring the islands' views on a wide range of high level strategic matters as well as legislative proposals that impact on the Bailiwick and its residents.

The Council discussed co-operation on maritime matters and explored issues that may need to be addressed when looking to managing the marine environment. The Council also discussed a range of other current intra-Bailiwick issues, including constitutional and international relations matters. The Council is consultative body and not a decision making authority in itself. The next meeting is due to be held in Guernsey.

The meeting was chaired by the President of the States of Alderney. Stuart Trought said: "*The Bailiwick Council has continued to develop its role for the island governments as a forum for discussion. It agreed that a thematic approach should be put forward by each hosting jurisdiction.*"

Deputy Al Brouard said "*This was my first engagement with the islands of Alderney and Sark in my capacity as member of the Policy & Resources Committee for managing the relationship within the Bailiwick. It is useful to have open dialogue and discussion to ensure we have strong links within the Bailiwick, in order to clarify the areas where we agree and can work together and where we have a divergence of views we can better understand each other's position.*"

Conseiller Maitland said "*The Bailiwick Council is an opportunity for us to work together and help each other. It is interesting to attend in Alderney and learn about issues they and Guernsey have which invariably have synergies with our own priorities.*"

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