



The Government of Sark

## **POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **GENERAL ELECTION DECEMBER 2016**

The Policy and Performance Committee would like to thank those who have chosen to stand, but is obviously disappointed that there is a significant shortfall of candidates to provide for a contested election. As a result Chief Pleas is required to arrange a further General Election, as laid out in the 2008 Reform Law, to fill the remaining places.

A strong democracy requires participation. Chief Pleas will therefore be taking soundings inside and outside Government and consulting with Sark residents to identify how islanders feel about standing for election and taking on the role of Conseiller.

In the meantime, this Committee has responsibility for the Constitution and will be working with Chief Pleas to address the issues that have arisen.

Policy and Performance Deputy Chairman, Conseiller Hazel Fry, commented: 'I was elected in the September 2011 By-Election and again in December 2012. I feel very disappointed that more people haven't stepped forward to take up this important role. If you want to help shape the future of Sark become part of the process.'

Conseiller Fry urged islanders from all sections of the community to stand:

'I say this to everyone on Sark: this is your Island so, if you care about it, step forward whatever your point of view. There is nothing more important than taking an active part in the community in which you live.'

**NO FURTHER COMMENT AT THIS TIME**

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