



The Government of Sark  
**POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

**BAILIWICK COUNCIL STATEMENT**

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the fifth Bailiwick Council meeting was held in Guernsey.

The Council discussed a range of current intra-Bailiwick issues, including constitutional and international relations matters, including the coordination of the response to the UK's Exit from the EU.

The management of consultation on pan island initiatives was also explored in order to help ensure the islands are each cited on policy development at an early stage. The Council also discussed co-operation on maritime matters, developing general data protection standards and the role of the British-Irish Council.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Al Brouard on behalf of the Policy & Resources Committee. He said:

*“The Bailiwick Council is becoming progressively more effective. For the Bailiwick to function well it needs to be underpinned by productive and open discussion between the governments of these islands. The Bailiwick Council plays a significant part in ensuring that these standards are maintained. This will be important as we continue to coordinate the Bailiwick’s response to Brexit and look to reinforce the constructive engagement between the islands.”*

The President of the States of Alderney, Stuart Trought said:

*“The effective management of the Marine Environment is highly desirable for developing Alderney’s economy. I was pleased to update the Council on Alderney’s community led Marine Forum who support the extension of the territorial sea, which will benefit the entire Bailiwick. We also discussed the development of new data protection standards in light of the General Data Protection Regulation and Brexit.”*

Conseiller Charles Maitland, Chairman of Sark’s Policy and Performance Committee said:

*“It will be important that we ensure our differences are recognised and understood. We discussed the role of the British Irish Council and how the islands are represented in discussions. The Council are looking to develop new protocols to ensure the whole Bailiwick’s views are understood by the UK Government and we can benefit from the States of Guernsey’s engagement strategy.”*

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