

## **ISLAND OF SARK**

**EXTRAORDINARY (SPECIAL) MEETING of the Chief Pleas to be held on the  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 10.00am in the ASSEMBLY ROOM**

### **AGENDA**

1. To CONSIDER a Report from the General Purposes and Advisory Committee and to Elect Conseillers to Committees of Chief Pleas (see Notes 1, 2 & 3).

#### **STANDING CHIEF PLEA COMMITTEES**

- a. General Purposes and Advisory – 6 or 7 members.
- b. Agriculture – 3 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- c. Development Control – 5 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- d. Douzaine – 12 members. (Membership of the Old Island Hall and Public Works Sub-Committees to be decided at the first meeting of the Douzaine.)
- e. Education – 5 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- f. Emergency Services – 3 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- g. Finance & Commerce – 5 members.
- h. Firearms – 3 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- i. Harbours & Pilotage – 5 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- j. Medical – 5 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- k. Millennium – 4 members
- l. Public Health – 5 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- m. Road Traffic – 5 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- n. Sea Fisheries – 5 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).
- o. Shipping – 5 members (to include one member from each of the General Purposes and Advisory and Tourism Committee) 3 members to be elected by Chief Pleas today and to be followed by a representative nominated from the aforementioned Committees. (Up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members.)
- p. Tourism – 5 members (up to 2 non Chief Pleas Members).

#### **SPECIAL CHIEF PLEAS COMMITTEES**

- q. Avian Flu – 5 members made up from Chairmen of Emergency Services, Agriculture, GP&A, Medical & Public Health. Members to be nominated when Committees have met and elected their Chairmen. The Avian Flu Committee Chairman is deemed to be the Chairman of Emergency Services and the Vice Chairman is the Chairman of Agriculture.

**Note:** The Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas Committees contains the provision at Paragraph 4 that all Committees of Chief Pleas may have up to two Non Chief Pleas members, as follows: *At the request of a Chief Pleas Committee, Chief Pleas may elect up to two non Chief Pleas members onto a Committee without voting rights.* Whilst not all the Committee Mandates contain a provision in regard to non Chief Pleas members (see a. to p. above) all Committees are able to nominate up to two non Chief Pleas members, if required.

**December 2008**

**RJ Guille MBE  
Sénéchal**

**Notes:**

1. Non Chief Pleas Members appointed to Committees by the previous Assembly will need to be reappointed by the new Assembly and these appointments, if required by the new Committee membership, should be made at the Christmas Meeting to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009.
2. Ex Officio membership of Chief Pleas Committees are unaffected by the change of Assembly.
3. Chief Pleas Tribunals of Development Control, Road Traffic and Taxation are unaffected by the change of Assembly and remain extant including the current membership; unless such members being elected as Conseiller will be deemed to have resigned with effect from the time that they take the Oath of Office. Any vacancies caused by such an occurrence will need to be filled and proposals should be put to Chief Pleas at the said Christmas Meeting.

## **GENERAL PURPOSES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Report to Extraordinary (Special) Chief Pleas, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

### **ELECTION TO COMMITTEES**

Sark's Chief Pleas operates with the benefit of seventeen Committees. An eighteenth Committee, the Reform Law Enactment Committee (ReLEC), expires with the old assembly.

Committees research and prepare reports for Chief Pleas. Sometimes these are information reports and often they are action reports. When a Committee considers that an action is needed or desirable, the report will contain propositions. If the propositions are accepted by Chief Pleas as a whole, new policy is created, appointments are made, directions are confirmed to a Committee, or law is enacted, and so forth.

Nearly all of the Chief Pleas Committees are executive as well. For example, Road Traffic advises Chief Pleas on policy, new rules and has recently consulted widely with residents on a number of issues. Road Traffic also carries out the policy, such as conducting tractor inspections. Committees are where the real work happens; without Committee work there would be very little for Chief Pleas to debate.

With the sitting of a new parliament, all of the Chief Pleas Committees are vacant. Members must be elected to each Committee. The purpose of this report is to call for Elections to Committees. Please indicate your choice of at least four (4) Committees on the attached list. With seventeen Committees, each Conseiller can expect to sit on at least three Committees.

Nominations, including self-nominations, will be compiled by the Seneschal and presented to the new Chief Pleas at the Extraordinary Meeting. Please return your self-nomination form on or **before 3:00pm on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009** to the Seneschal.

After nominations are read out, the House will be asked to vote to elect Members to each Committee.

**Deputy Roger Olsen,  
Chairman (2008), General Purposes and Advisory Committee**