

**RESOLUTIONS of the MICHAELMAS MEETING of  
CHIEF PLEAS held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

1. **Matters Arising from the Midsummer Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**  
There were none.
2. **Questions Not Related to the Business of the Day.**  
There were none.
3. **Douzaine: To Elect a Constable to replace Mr G. Williams whose term of Office expires.**  
Mr Peter Sam La Trobe-Bateman elected.
4. **Douzaine: To Elect a Vingtenier to replace Mr S. La Trobe-Bateman whose term of Office expires.**  
Mr Glenn Williams elected.
5. **Douzaine: To Elect a Deputy Procureur des Pauvres to replace Mrs B. Dunks, whose extension in Office expires.**  
Miss Lucy Belfield elected.
6. **To Consider a Report from the Road Traffic Committee entitled “Road Traffic Amendments” and to approve the Projet de Loi entitled “The Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) (Amendment No.2) Law, 2015”.**  
Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas approves the Projet de Loi entitled “The Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) (Amendment No.2) Law, 2015”.
7. **To Consider a Report from the Agriculture and Environment Committee entitled “Upgrade to Sark Slaughterhouse”.**  
Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas agrees to the Agriculture and Environment Committee being granted the sum up to £10,000 to cover costs incurred by them in carrying out the upgrade to the Sark slaughterhouse.
8. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “2016 Budget and Taxation and Financial Provisions” and to approve the Ordinances entitled “The Direct Taxes for 2016 (Sark) Ordinance, 2015” and “The Financial Provisions (Variation of Rates) (Sark) Ordinance, 2015”.**  
Proposition 1: – **CARRIED.**  
That the rate of Property Tax be increased to £14.00 per quarter for the year 2016.  
  
That the minimum rate of Personal Capital Tax be reduced to £300 for the year 2016.  
  
That the Personal Capital Tax of an individual who is liable to pay Property Tax as Possessor of Real Property which is his principal dwelling shall be £Nil. This will apply to one individual who is the possessor in the principal dwelling where all adult occupants have net capital assets of £100,000 or less.  
  
That individuals over 69 years of age on 1 January 2016 who have worldwide net assets of £150,000 or less pay £Nil Personal Capital Tax for 2016.

That the maximum rate of Personal Capital Tax remains at £6,400.00 for the year 2016.

That the net asset fraction for the calculation of Personal Capital Tax be reduced to 0.30% for the year 2016.

That the forfeit factor for the calculation of Personal Capital Tax be reduced to 2.0 for the year 2016.

Proposition 2: - **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled “The Direct Taxes for 2016 (Sark) Ordinance, 2015”.

Proposition 3: - **CARRIED**.

That individuals over the age of 69 on 1 January 2016, who declared assets of £70,000 or less for 2015, shall receive a payment equal to the calculated increase in their tax assessment total for the year 2016.

Proposition 4: - **CARRIED**.

That Impôt rates remain unchanged for the year 2016.

Proposition 5: - **CARRIED** as amended.

That the Sark Poll (Landing) Tax be increased to £1.05 per adult for the year 2016.

Proposition 6: - **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled The Financial Provisions (Variation of Rates) (Sark) Ordinance, 2015.

Proposition 7: - **CARRIED**.

That the budget of Income and Expenditure for the year 2016 be accepted.

9. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Chief Pleas of Sark Rules of Procedure – Proposed Amendments”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the amended version of the ‘Chief Pleas of Sark Rules of Procedure’ as attached to this report.

10. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “The Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas Committees – Proposed Amendments”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED** as amended.

That Chief Pleas approves the amended version of the ‘The Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas Committees’ as attached to this report, as amended.

11. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Committee Mandates – Proposed Amendments”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED** as amended.

That Chief Pleas approves the amended mandates, and remit, as attached to this report, as amended.

12. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee Report entitled “Securing Sark’s Future – Progress Report”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas takes note of the contents of this progress report.

13. **To Consider a Report from the Sustainable Reasonably Priced Electricity Policy Development Team entitled “Sustainable Electricity”.**  
Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas endorse the strategy of the Sustainable Reasonably Priced Electricity PDT and adopt the form of the draft ‘Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2015’ as a draft for consultation.
14. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Terms of Reference for the Establishment Review”.**  
Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
That Conseillers agree the Terms of Reference and Scope for the Establishment Review.
15. **To Consider a Report from the Review of Isle of Sark Shipping Policy Development Team entitled “Review Report: Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited and the relationship to Chief Pleas acting as shareholder”.**  
Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas accepts the Review Report presented by Mr Milner and adopts the recommendations within it that define a strengthened relationship between IoSS and Chief Pleas as shareholder.
16. **To Consider a Report from the Shipping Committee entitled “Executive and Non-Executive Directors”.**  
Proposition 1: – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Mr Paul Michael Garlick to the post of Full Time Director for a period of three years commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (2015).  
  
Proposition 2: – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Mr Paul Burnard to the post of Part Time Director for a period of three years commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October (2015).  
  
Proposition 3: – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Captain Peter Francis Gill to the post of Non-Executive Director for a period of one year commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October (2015).  
  
Proposition 4: – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Colonel Richard Graham to the post of Non-Executive Director for a period of one year commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October (2015).  
  
Proposition 5: – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Mr Mark Dunster to the post of Non-Executive Director for a period of one year commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October (2015).  
  
Proposition 6: – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Mrs Julie Mann to the post of Non-Executive Director for a period of one year commencing Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October (2015).  
  
Proposition 7: – **CARRIED.**  
That the fee for an Executive Director of £40,000 p.a. and the fee for a part-time Executive Director (Finance) of £11,000 p.a. be approved (subject to employers’ social insurance contributions).

Proposition 8: – **CARRIED.**

That fees of four Non-Executive Directors are approved, each with a gross annual fee of £3,000.

Proposition 9: – **CARRIED.**

That a total expenditure of £83,000 (plus social insurance costs) by the Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited is approved for the year commencing Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 for the fees of Directors and the fee for the remaining duration of the Review.

17. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “Audit of Island’s Financial Statements”.**

Proposition 1: – **CARRIED** as amended.

That Chief Pleas requests the Law Officers of the Crown to draft an amendment to Sections 62 and 63 of the Reform (Sark) Law, 2008 to remove the requirement for an Audit and to replace it with the requirement for an Independent Review carried out under International Standards.

Proposition 2: – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas approves that the Accounts of the Procureur should be included in the Audit or equivalent Review of the Island’s Financial Statements commencing with the year 2015 Accounts”.

18. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “Isle of Sark Shipping Company: Request for Short Term Loan 2016”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas approves a short term in-year loan to Isle of Sark Shipping Company of up to £200,000 be made available from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 with repayment made by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 on terms agreed with the Finance and Resources Committee.

19. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Independent Election Observer’s Recommendations”.**

The report was noted.

20. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Maintenance Point Robert Lighthouse”.**

The report was noted.

21. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “La Ville Roussel Trust Housing Loans”.**

The report was noted.

22. **To Consider an Information Report from the Education Committee entitled “Annual Report on Sark School”.**

The report was noted.

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Regulations Laid Before Chief Pleas  
“The Motor Vehicles (Sark) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015”

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