

**RESOLUTIONS of the MICHAELMAS MEETING of
CHIEF PLEAS held on 5th October 2016**

1. **Matters Arising from the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 25th August 2016.**
Item 6.
2. **Questions Not Related to the Business of the Day.**
There were none.
3. **Douzaine: To Elect a Constable to replace Mr P.S. La Trobe-Bateman, whose term of Office expires.**
Mr Glenn Williams was elected Constable.
4. **Douzaine: To Elect a Vingtenier to replace Mr G.R. Williams, whose term of Office expires.**
Mr Paul Burgess was elected Vingtenier.
5. **Douzaine: To Elect a Procureur des Pauvres to replace Mrs L. Higgins, whose term of Office expires.**
Ms Lucy Belfield was elected Procureur des Pauvres.
6. **Douzaine: To Elect a Deputy Procureur des Pauvres to replace Ms L. Belfield, whose term of Office expires.**
Ms Estelle Day was elected Deputy Procureur des Pauvres.
7. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Interpretation of Legislation” and to approve the Projet de Loi entitled “The Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves the Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016.
8. **To Consider a Report from the Emergency Services Committee entitled “The Fire Services (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2016.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves the Fire Services (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2016.
9. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “2017 Budget and Taxation and Financial Provisions” and to approve the Ordinances entitled “The Direct Taxes for 2017 (Sark) Ordinance, 2016” and “The Financial Provisions (Variation of Rates) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016”.**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves:
 - That the rate of Property Tax be increased to £14.25 per quarter for the year 2017.
 - That the minimum rate of Personal Capital Tax be increased to £325.00 for the year 2017.
 - That the maximum rate of Personal Capital Tax be increased to £6,500 for the year 2017.
 - That the forfeit factor for the calculation of Personal Capital Tax remains at 2.0 for the year 2017

- That the net asset fraction for the calculation of Personal Capital Tax remains at 0.30% for the year 2017.
- That individuals over 69 years of age on 1 January 2017 who have worldwide assets of £150,000 or less pay £Nil Personal Capital Tax for the year 2017.
- 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 £108,333 or less for the year 2017.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled “The Direct Taxes for 2017 (Sark) Ordinance, 2016”.

Proposition 3 – **CARRIED.**

That individuals over 69 years of age on 1 January 2016, who declared assets of £70,000 or less for 2015, shall receive a payment equal to the calculated increase above 2015 in their tax assessment total for the year 2017.

Proposition 4 – **CARRIED.**

That Impôt rates are increased by 6% for the year 2017.

Proposition 5 – **CARRIED.**

That the Sark Poll (Landing) Tax be increased to £1.10 per adult for the year 2017.

Proposition 6 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled “The Financial Provisions (Variation of Rates) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016”.

Proposition 7 – **CARRIED.**

That the budget Income and Expenditure for the year 2017 be accepted.

10. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “The Reform (General Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016” and to approve the Ordinance entitled “The Reform (General Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas approves The Reform (General Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016.

11. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “The Reform (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2016 (Commencement and Consequential Provision) Ordinance, 2016” and to approve the Ordinance entitled “The Reform (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2016 (Commencement and Consequential Provision) Ordinance, 2016”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas approves The Reform (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2016 (Commencement and Consequential Provision) Ordinance, 2016.

12. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “The Reform (Elections of Speaker and Deputy Speaker (General Provisions) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016” and to approve the Ordinance entitled “The Reform (Elections of Speaker and Deputy Speaker) (General Provisions) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves The Reform (Elections of Speaker and Deputy Speaker) (General Provisions) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016.
13. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “Sub-Lease of the Sark Slaughterhouse”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves the Chairman of the Finance and Resources Committee as the person to sign the sub-lease on behalf of the Island of Sark.
14. **Committee Elections: To Elect Conseillers to Committees, as required.**
Development Control Committee
Conseiller Paul Williams was elected.

Emergency Services Committee
Conseiller Diane Baker was elected.
15. **Road Traffic Committee: To Elect two new members to the Road Traffic Appeals Tribunal Panel.**
Mrs Wendy Maitland and Mr Peter Sam La Trobe-Bateman were elected.
16. **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.
17. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “Consultation on RPI Increases to the Wages and Salaries of Island Employees”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves that a period of notice of 12 months is given to all Island Employees of the decision to change automatic annual increases in pay based on prevailing Guernsey RPI.

Further, that all required measures are taken to deal with contractual matters and that an alternative method of dealing with pay policy, in a fair and sustainable way, is brought to Chief Pleas for consideration within that notice period.
18. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee Report entitled “New Operational Committee Arrangement”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves the New Operational Committee Arrangement and directs the Policy and Performance Committee to request the Law Officers of the Crown to draft the necessary Ordinances in time for implementation at an Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas to take place before the Christmas Meeting of Chief Pleas in January 2017.

19. **To Consider a Report from the Shipping Committee entitled “The Re-Appointment of Non-Executive Directors for the Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited”.**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Colonel Richard Graham as a Non-Executive Director of The Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited for one year commencing on 1st November 2016 or until the next meeting of Chief Pleas at which a Non-Executive Director can be appointed or re-appointed, whichever is later.
- Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Mrs Julie Mann as a Non-Executive Director of The Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited for one year commencing on 1st November 2016 or until the next meeting of Chief Pleas at which a Non-Executive Director can be appointed or re-appointed, whichever is later.
- Proposition 3 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Mr Mark Dunster as a Non-Executive Director of The Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited for three years commencing on 1st November 2016 or until the next meeting of Chief Pleas at which a Non-Executive Director can be appointed or re-appointed, whichever is later.
- Proposition 4 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas accepts the appointment of Captain Peter Francis Gill as a Non-Executive Director of The Isle of Sark Shipping Company Limited for three years commencing on 1st November 2016 or until the next meeting of Chief Pleas at which a Non-Executive Director can be appointed or re-appointed, whichever is later.
20. **To Consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Alcohol Production Regulation”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas requests the Law Officers of the Crown to draft the appropriate Ordinance to commence The Regulation of Production of Alcoholic Products (Sark) Law, 2012.
21. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “Consultation on the Charging Method for Impôt: Alcohol by Volume (ABV)”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves that the Finance and Resources Committee consult with the public of Sark about proposed changes to the Sark Impôt charging system, as set out in this report.
22. **To Consider a Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “Amending the Number of Conseillers on the Finance and Resources Committee”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves the reduction in the members of the Finance and Resources Committee, from five to four members, and that it approves the amended Mandate.
23. **To Consider an Information Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016”.**
The Report was noted.

24. **To Consider an Information Report from the Finance and Resources Committee entitled “Membership of the Sark Taxation Appeals Tribunal”.**
The Report was noted.
25. **To Consider an Information Report from the Tourism Committee entitled “Tourism Committee Budget”.**
The Report was noted.
26. **To Consider an Information Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled “Draft Code of Conduct Conseillers of Chief Pleas”.**
The Report was noted.
27. **To Consider an Information Report from the Education Committee entitled “Annual Report on Sark School”.**
The Report was noted.

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