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Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas

Chief Pleas met at 7.00 p.m.

[THE PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

PRAYER

The Greffier

ROLL CALL

The Greffier

The Greffier: There are 19 Conseillers, the Seigneur and the President of Chief Pleas present.

5 **The President:** I have apologies from Conseillers Alan Blythe, Rosanne Byrne, Roger Norwich and Nicolas Moloney. Are there any other apologies that you know of?

Conseiller Plummer: Conseiller Paul Williams.

10 **The President:** Okay, thank you.

Thanks to Lt. Col. Reg Guille MBE – Statement by the President

The President: I would just like to open with a very short statement since he is in the public gallery somewhere, and that is to thank my predecessor, Lt. Col. Reg Guille, for his advice and generous time to ensure a smooth transfer to me in this new role. Thank you very much.

Review of Chief Pleas' achievements – Statement by Conseiller Maitland

15 **The President:** Statement by Conseiller Charles Maitland, please.

Conseiller Maitland: With elections due next month, we are coming to the end of this two-year cycle and it seems a good moment to quickly review some of the achievements of the last two years.

20 As Conseillers, we have all been so busy that sometimes we overlook the many positive things that have happened through our hard work for the good of this very special Island. If I have missed anything out, do please fill in the gaps.

25 Firstly, the Children Law: we now have a Law that enables consistent and better protection for Sark children via the court of our newly established Children's Panel. The Children's Panel is made up of appropriate professionals who apply the Law consistently while working with colleagues in other jurisdictions to provide suitable protection for the children of Sark.

Sustainable, reasonably priced electricity: this has been a really long haul, but the Projet de Loi to be approved this evening will enable electricity consumers in Sark to be certain that they

are paying a fair and reasonable price for this essential utility – one of the keys to Sark’s future economic prosperity.

30 Fire precautions: an approved Projet is awaiting Royal Assent which brings the operations of our emergency services in line with the protections afforded in other jurisdictions.

Fairer taxation: no one likes paying taxes, but at least the recent changes to our system move us towards fairer taxation across the Island and hopefully will encourage the occupation of empty properties which must be to the economic benefit of Sark.

35 Liquor licensing: after a lot of hard work and consultation with the public, changes to the Regulations will help to rationalise the system in line with the expectation of visitors and residents alike.

The review of our Government-owned Shipping Company: we now have a team of professionals with a broad range of skills and abilities to deliver the strategy and business plan, which will ensure a sustainable lifeline service. I understand this is reflected in healthy accounts of this past year, which will be unveiled in due course.

Reform Law: phase one is complete and phase two will continue the work to modernise our Constitution. The Code of Conduct for Conseillers which we shall consider tonight reflects just some of the work already undertaken.

45 Governance arrangements: this is a work in progress, but a revised structure will enable the Government to focus more effectively on developing and delivering policies that contribute to achieving the Vision for Sark. Part of this has been the Establishment Review in which Chief Pleas agreed that the principle of applying contemporary professional standards where it is prudent to do so should be applied across the whole of Government – not something that in the past we have necessarily been used to doing.

The Independent Policing Panel, which helps the Government to properly separate out the political from the operational in our policing arrangements and which is the basic tenant of good governance.

55 There have been other less obvious initiatives. We now have full involvement in Bailiwick arrangements to counter bribery and corruption, as well as money laundering and financing of terrorism. We have also worked hard on improving our international standing regarding tax transparency and how we can comply with Common Reporting Standards across the globe to deter tax evasion and avoidance.

I should also mention the Business Forum, which provides a space for all businesses on Sark to meet and develop ideas and initiatives. This is now run by its own steering committee.

More needs to be done, I am sure. We have all played our part in these and many other small ways in moving Sark forward to being a 21st century democracy that is more mindful of risks, responsibilities, relationships and, most importantly, the reputation of our Government.

Thank you.

**Thanks to Mr Paul Burgess –
Statement by the President**

65 **The President:** I would just like to say a few words about Mr Paul Burgess who resigned as a Conseiller at the conclusion of Michaelmas Meeting on 5th October 2016, having completed 21 months of his four-year term.

Paul Burgess was elected as a Deputy in 2007 and served on the Sea Fisheries Committee until the 2008 General Election. He first stood for election as a Conseiller in December 2008 but was unsuccessful. Paul Burges stood again unsuccessfully in the General Election in December 70 2010, a by-election in September 2011, and the General Election in December 2012. He was one of four candidates who were elected at a by-election in December 2013. He stood again in December 2014 and was one of the 16 candidates who were elected when only 16 candidates stood for 16 seats.

75 During his time as a Conseiller, Paul Burgess served on the Emergency Services, Harbours and Pilotage, Sea Fisheries, and Finance and Resources Committees. Paul Burgess also chaired the Policy Development Group from its inception in January 2015 and served on the Development Control Law and Liquor Licensing PDTs.

80 On behalf of Chief Pleas, I thank him for his service to the community as a Conseiller and also for his continuing service as Vingtenier.

Members: Hear, hear.

**Procedural –
Electronic devices**

The President: In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, I would remind all present that mobile phones, cameras, recording devices and other electronic equipment be switched off now
85 less for those allowed to Chief Pleas' Members in accordance with Rule 16.

Business of the Day

1. Michaelmas Meeting, 5th October 2016 – Matters arising

Matters arising from the Michaelmas Meeting held on 5th October 2016.

The President: We go to Agenda Item number 1: Matters arising from the Michaelmas Meeting held on 5th October 2016. Are there any matters arising from that meeting?
Conseiller Colin Golds.

90 **Conseiller Golds:** Just one quick one, on the *Hansard* it has got my name as 'Gold' rather than Golds.

The President: Well, that is very important. They usually miss my 'e' off the end.
Anybody else? Conseiller Christine Audrain.

95 **Conseiller Audrain:** It is something that just needs to be cleared up on *Hansard*, if I take you to point 215. It is a true record of what was said at that point, but I would like to mention that when it mentions about the Vingtenier 'having been appointed by the Policing Panel' – I think that is the wording – 'approved', sorry. The Vingtenier:

... having been approved by the Independent Policing Panel for election as Vingtenier.

100 This nomination did go to the Douzaine, but it did not go to the Independent Policing Panel because the Panel had not been properly constituted by then.
Thank you.

105 **The President:** I have got one small comment on page 32, paragraph 1045. Again *Hansard* is perfectly correct. In the wording that it is 'Policy and Performance Committee opposition' during a speech I made. *Hansard* is correct in that I did use the word 'opposition' but I meant to use the word 'proposal'.

Are there any other matters?

**2. Extraordinary (Special) Meeting, 5th October 2016 –
Matters arising**

Matters arising from the Extraordinary (Special) Meeting held on 5th October 2016.

110 **The President:** Agenda Item 2: Matters arising from the Extraordinary (Special) Meeting held on 5th October 2016.

Are there any matters arising from that meeting? Okay.

**3. Questions not related to the Business of the Day –
None**

Questions not related to the Business of the Day.

The President: We move on to Agenda Item 3: Questions not related to the Business of the Day. I have received none.

**4. The Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016 –
Policy and Performance Committee Report and Supplemental Report considered –
Original Proposition withdrawn; new Proposition carried**

To consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016’ and approve a Projet de Loi entitled ‘Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016’.

Withdrawn Proposition

That Chief Pleas approves the Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016.

To consider a Supplemental Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016’.

New Proposition

That Chief Pleas approves The Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016 subject to the amendment proposed in section 16, as detailed in this Supplemental Report by the Policy and Performance Committee

115 **The President:** Agenda Item 4: to consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016’ and approve a Projet de Loi entitled, ‘Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016’.

There is also a Supplemental Report – I will take both together. To consider a Supplemental Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016’.

120 Conseiller Hazel Fry to introduce the Report.

Conseiller Fry: Thank you.

This has been, as you all know, a long and difficult journey. I suspect that everyone is thoroughly fed up with hearing about sustainable, reasonably priced electricity.

125 What so many of us want is just to have it. I sincerely hope that this Law coming before you today is passed and then we will have made a large step towards this. There have been changes made to the Law, as you will have seen from the addendum that the President has already referred to. As there are a few points he wished to be clarified, I am going to read the Report. It was sent to us from the Comptroller, Robert Titterington.

130 The first small section is Robert explaining what he has done. He says:

All comments received during the consultation process were considered and several changes were made to the consultation draft Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016 as described in the Committee's Report. In particular, section 16(2)(a) was amended to remove the requirement for the Commissioner to consult with the Committee in connection with any contemplated price control order. As a result of that amendment, consequential amendments should have been made to subsection (3) of section 16 (which refers to paragraph (a) to a subparagraph that has now been removed) and subsection (4) (which still contains references to the Committee). In the circumstances the Committee proposes the following amendment to the draft Law to be approved by Chief Pleas:

Then we move into how the Law itself is changed.

On page 26, for subsections (3) and (4) of section 16, substitute the following subsections:

(3) The Commissioner must give the regulated electricity supplier opportunity to make representation to the Commissioner on any consultation response made by any person consulted under subsection 2(b).

(4) the Commissioner may request by notice in writing given to any person consulted under subsection 2(b) that the person makes representations to the Commissioner within a period of not less than 14 days, as determined by the Commissioner, starting from the date on which the Commissioner consulted that person.

The original Proposition is to be withdrawn and replaced as follows:

In this Proposition, the President correctly pointed out that 'The' should have a capital T. He was quite correct, so please change that.

That Chief Pleas approves The Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016, subject to the amendment proposed in section 16 (as detailed in this Supplemental Report) by the Policy and Performance Committee.

135 They are the changes. I hope, Mr President, I have explained that clearly.

The President: Perfectly clear and perfectly well.

140 **Conseiller Fry:** I do want to just continue and say I want to stress that all the changes that have been made are the result of the latest public consultation and are for the benefit and protection of the supplier, whoever that may be from now on.

I reiterate that we have no personal animosity towards Mr Gordon Brown or his company. All we are trying to achieve is for the price of sustainable electricity on Sark to be fair and reasonable and to *know* that it is fair and reasonably priced. This reassurance is priceless to people and businesses in Sark and will give them more certainty when planning for their futures.

145 I wonder how many times you have heard me saying all this. Thank you, all of you, for your patience.

Robert Titterington, Her Majesty's Comptroller: I suspect there have been times when he could have cheerfully throttled us all, but he did not and I would like to record our thanks to him and his colleagues for all their invaluable help and support.

150 Thank you also Conseiller Karen Adams for facilitating many residents being able to have their say and to put their questions to Mr Gordon Brown via your recent meeting with him.

This evening, if this Proposition is passed, the Projet will go to the Privy Council for Royal Assent. This is an ending of phase one.

155 As we enter a new phase and the make-up of this Policy Development Team may change, I would like finally to say thank you to the much-maligned team. I could not have wished for a better lot of people to work with. I feel very privileged to be their spokesperson.

Thank you very much.

160 **The President:** Thank you, Conseiller Hazel Fry.
Are there any questions from the floor or any debate? Does anybody wish to contribute?
Conseiller Edric Baker.

165 **Conseiller Edric Baker:** I hate to bring this up, sir, but I understood Conseiller Fry saying page 16 where she would have meant section 16.

Conseiller Fry: Oh, yes – sorry.

Conseiller Edric Baker: So page 26.

170 **The President:** Thank you.
Is there anybody else?

175 We will move to the Proposition that Chief Pleas approves The Control of Electricity Prices (Sark) Law, 2016 subject to the amendment proposed in section 16, as detailed in this Supplemental Report by the Policy and Performance Committee. Those in favour ... Sorry!

Conseiller Audrain: Could we have a named vote, please.

180 **The President:** Yes, of course.
Right, Greffier.

There was a named vote.

Carried – Pour 19, Contre 0, No Vote 0

POUR	CONTRE	NO VOTE
Conseiller Sandra Williams	None	None
Conseiller Fry		
Conseiller Adams		
Conseiller Richard Dewe		
Conseiller Elizabeth Dewe		
Conseiller Dunks		
Conseiller Audrain		
Conseiller Cottle		
Conseiller Diane Baker		
Conseiller Edric Baker		
Conseiller Peter Byrne		
Conseiller Golds		
Conseiller Maitland		
Conseiller Elizabeth Norwich		
Conseiller Plummer		
Conseiller Raymond		
Conseiller Taylor		
Conseiller Nightingale		
Conseiller Ventress		

The President: I declare that **carried**. The Proposition is carried by 19 votes Pour and none Contre.

185 I also can announce that I have actually received from the Law Officers the amended Projet ready to send to the Bailiff by post tomorrow together with signed copies of the humble petition.

5. The Reform (Elections of Conseillers) (General Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 – Policy and Performance Committee Report considered – Proposition carried

To consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘Sark Gazette Officielle’ and to approve the Ordinance entitled, ‘The Reform (Elections of Conseillers) (General Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016.

Proposition

That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance The Reform (Elections of Conseillers) (General Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016.

The President: We go to Item 5: to consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘Sark Gazette Officielle’ and to approve the Ordinance entitled, ‘The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (General Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016’.

190 I ask Conseiller Charles Maitland to introduce the Report.

Conseiller Maitland: This Report should be self-explanatory as by having our own version of Guernsey’s Gazette Officielle for public notices, Sark will save itself several hundred pounds a year. The Sark Gazette Officielle website will be inaugurated with notices for our December elections – a long-overdue initiative.

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Thank you.

The President: Does anybody wish to raise a question or make a contribution to the debate? No.

200 In that case, we will move to the Proposition that Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance, The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (General Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016. Those in favour. Thank you. I am going to have to request you all to hold your hands a little higher. No, no, not that high! I am considerably shorter than my predecessor. *(Laughter)* I declare that those in favour are 19; those against nil. It is therefore **carried**.

6. The Children (Parental Responsibility Agreement) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016 – Policy and Performance Committee Report considered – Proposition withdrawn

To consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘The Children (Parental Responsibility Agreement) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016’ and to approve the Ordinance entitled, ‘The Children (Parental Responsibility Agreement) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016’.

Proposition

That Chief Pleas approves The Children (Parental Responsibility Agreement) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016

205 **The President:** We now go to Agenda Item 6: to consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, 'The Children (Parental Responsibility Agreement) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016' and to approve the Ordinance entitled, 'The Children (Parental Responsibility Agreement) (Sark) Ordinance, 2016'.

I call Conseiller Christine Audrain to introduce the Report.

210 **Conseiller Audrain:** Thank you.

This is the final part to add to the Law that we brought in during this year, and it is a small item. It is the parental responsibility agreement.

215 I would like to point out that the parental responsibility agreement is not about residence or what we used to call 'custody'. Even if parents do not live together, they can both have parental responsibility and the child may reside with one or the other parent or partially with each. This parental responsibility agreement is to do with people acquiring parental responsibility and thus being able to contribute to the upbringing of the child.

220 **The President:** Right, are there any comments or questions from the floor? Conseiller Edric Baker.

Conseiller Edric Baker: Sir, again I am sorry to bring this up, but in the Law it says that:

The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948 applies to the interpretation of this Ordinance.

225 That has been superseded by another Interpretation Law. Now, I do not know if that actually came into place but we passed it at a recent Chief Pleas. Could we just clarify that point: whether the new Interpretation Law applies or the old one still applies? It does not really make any difference, it is the same wording, but just to make sure that is not a hitch.

230 **The President:** Conseiller Christine Audrain.

Conseiller Audrain: Yes, I am sorry I cannot answer that. This was drawn up by the Law Officer and I actually did not take on board that it has that part in it. It has gone backwards and forwards several times because the PDT wanted to make sure that the wording on the actual agreement was exactly what they wanted, which was to make it as simple as possible.

235 The fact that it says this here in Interpretation, I am afraid I cannot answer that at the moment, but I will check it out tomorrow.

The President: Conseiller Edric Baker.

240 **Conseiller Edric Baker:** Sir, could we amend the Proposition slightly to allow that to happen, just in case? I would not like it not to go through just on that technicality.

The President: Conseiller Christine Audrain, do you have a –

245 **Conseiller Audrain:** Yes, that sounds like a good idea. Could you please suggest some wording? *(Laughter)*

The President: Conseiller Edric Baker.

250 **Conseiller Edric Baker:** I cannot think of the title of the new Ordinance. It might be in the minutes.

Conseiller Dunks: It was The Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016.

The President: Can you say that again, please?

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Conseiller Dunks: Yes, it was Item 7 of the last Chief Pleas – The Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016.

The President: The Interpretation ...

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Conseiller Dunks: and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016.

The President: Bailiwick of Guernsey ...

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A Member: 2016.

The President: Thank you. If I have got that right it is The Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) 2016. Is that correct?

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Conseiller Dunks: I will read it slowly. The Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016.

The President: Okay, got you.
Conseiller Christine Audrain.

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Conseiller Audrain: I think, actually, on reflection, this ought to be checked out and left for today. I think it probably is quite important that it is correct in the Ordinance. This has been held back some time, partly because of the petitioning of the Law and partly because it was difficult to get it into Michaelmas Chief Pleas. I think, for the sake of being correct, it would be better to leave it until the next Chief Pleas.

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The President: So you are withdrawing –

Conseiller Audrain: I think so. I think that would be the correct thing to do.

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The President: Okay. Conseiller Richard Dewe.

Conseiller Richard Dewe: Has the legislation that we approved got Royal Assent? Because if it has not, the previous Law would still be in ...

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A Member: It was an Ordinance.

Conseiller Richard Dewe: It was an Ordinance, ah right.

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A Member: Was it?

Conseiller Audrain: It was a Law. It has not got Royal Assent.

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The President: I think, probably to be safe ... Conseiller Christine Audrain has asked for it to be withdrawn and that is probably what we should do.

**Procedural –
Item 5 Ordinance numbering**

The President: Can I just say that on the previous Item: Item 5, the Ordinance, The Reform (Elections of Conseillers) (General Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, I should have announced that this Ordinance will be numbered XI of 2016.

305 **Conseiller Dunks:**

Conseiller Dunks: There is the one prior to that as well: the Reform (Elections of Conseillers) (General Provisions) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016, Item 5.

310 **The President:** Yes, that is the one I am talking about. I went back to the previous one. I should have said that at the time.

Conseiller Dunks: Same difference.

**7. Amendment to the New Operational Committee Arrangement –
Policy and Performance Committee Report considered –
Proposition carried**

To consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘New Operational Committee Arrangement Amendment’.

Proposition

That Chief Pleas approves the amendment to the New Operational Committee Arrangement transferring all responsibilities of the Firearms Committee, to the Douzaine.

315 **The President:** We go to Agenda Item 7: to consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘New Operational Committee Arrangement’.

Conseiller Anthony Dunks to introduce it on behalf of Policy and Performance.

320 **Conseiller Dunks:** At the Michaelmas Meeting for Chief Pleas, October 2016, the New Committee Arrangement was introduced. Following the Meeting itself, the PDT looked at the changes that had been suggested and an extra one was to be considered: that of moving the Firearms Committee into the Douzaine rather than giving the task to the Assistant Constable.

Such a decision cannot be made by the PDT alone and has required us to come back to Chief Pleas for a Proposition for Chief Pleas to accept that this change be made.

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The President: Does anybody wish to make a point, ask a question or contribute to the discussion? In that case, we shall go to the Proposition that Chief Pleas approves the amendment to the New Operational Committee Arrangement transferring all responsibilities of the Firearms Committee to the Douzaine. All those in favour. Right, I count those in favour: 19; those against: none.

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**8. Code of Conduct – Conseillers of Chief Pleas –
Policy and Performance Committee Report considered –
Proposition carried as amended**

To consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘Code of Conduct – Conseillers of Chief Pleas’.

Proposition

That Chief Pleas approves the inclusion of the Code of Conduct – Conseillers of Chief Pleas, as attached to this Report and as amended, in the Chief Pleas of Sark Rules of Procedure as attached to this Report.

The President: We go to Agenda Item 8: to consider a Report from the Policy and Performance Committee entitled, ‘Code of Conduct – Conseillers of Chief Pleas’.

I ask Conseiller Jane Norwich to introduce the Report.

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Conseiller Elizabeth Norwich: Thank you.

It seems to be an evening for amendments and I apologise but I am just about to do two more.

In the text of the Code that is attached to the Report, on page 6, point 1.3.7, the word, ‘above’ needs to be inserted at the end of the sentence so that it reads, ‘Conseillers have a duty to lead by the example of these six tenets above.’

The second alteration is on page 21. In the middle of the page in bold type, the complainant is being asked to describe who they are. To clarify this, I would like to change that sentence in bold to, ‘Please tick the complaint type which best describes ...’ Sorry, and replace it with, ‘Please tick the category that best describes who you are.’

Both points were raised by eagle-eyed Conseillers after the papers were sent out. The changes do not alter the thrust of the Code, but make it clearer.

I am sorry, that means the Proposition has to change to, ‘That Chief Pleas approves the inclusion of the Code of Conduct – Conseillers of Chief Pleas, as attached to this Report and as amended, in the Chief Pleas of Sark Rules of Procedure as attached to this Report.’

Sir, carrying on: in March 2007, the Seven Tenets of the Guiding Principles of Public Life were adopted by Chief Pleas. It is now time to place these tenets within a Code of Conduct for Conseillers into the Rules of Procedures for Chief Pleas.

This Code still needs to have the Conduct Panel and the Privilege Panel populated but this cannot happen until after Chief Pleas approves the inclusion of the Code. I hope that this part of the work will be brought to Chief Pleas early next year.

I would also like to confirm that the Code, as it says on its cover page, is only for Conseillers of Chief Pleas and not for any other officials or members of the administration support team. That area is part of a separate piece of work and we are just concentrating on doing one section at a time.

Should Chief Pleas vote to support this Proposition, then the Code comes into effect today. It is not retrospective.

Finally, I would like to ask Chief Pleas to support the Proposition as amended.

The President: Are there any questions or comments?

Okay, so just to clarify things, the amendments to the Code that you are proposing are on page 6 at point 1.3.7: the word ‘above’ be inserted at the end of the sentence so that it reads now, ‘Conseillers have a duty to lead by the example of these six tenets above.’

The second alteration on page 21, in the middle of the page in bold type: to change the wording from, ‘Please tick the complaint type that best describes your complaint’ and replace it with, ‘Please tick the category that best describes who you are’.

375 The Proposition be amended as follows – and this is the Proposition that I would ask you to
vote on: that Chief Pleas approves the inclusion of the Code of Conduct – Conseillers of Chief
Pleas, as attached to this Report and as amended, in the Chief Pleas of Sark Rules of Procedure
as attached to this Report.

All those in favour. That is 19 again. *(Interjection)* Those against.

Can I just ask you to raise your hands to those for again, because we have a disparity up here.
That is 18 for and one not voting.

That concludes the meeting at 19:38.

380 Greffier, the grace, please.

PRAYER

The Greffier

Chief Pleas closed at 7.38 p.m.