

RESOLUTIONS of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of CHIEF PLEAS held on 6th February 2019

1. **MATTERS ARISING from the Extraordinary (Emergency) Meeting of the Chief Pleas held on Wednesday the 28th November 2018.**

There were none.

2. **To Elect a Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee.**

Conseiller P. La Trobe-Bateman was elected Chairman.

3. **To CONSIDER a Report with nine Propositions from the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Sark’s Territorial Seas Extension”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**

To agree that Sark’s territorial sea should extend, in accordance with international law, up to 12 nautical miles from the relevant baselines (but not beyond any appropriate median lines, where relevant).

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**

To direct the Policy & Finance Committee to request Guernsey’s Policy & Resources Committee (acting on behalf of all three Bailiwick authorities) to send a formal request to the UK government that an Order in Council be made under the Territorial Sea Act 1987 to extend the territorial seas of the Bailiwick of Guernsey up to 12 nautical miles from the relevant baselines (but not beyond any appropriate median lines, where relevant) in accordance with international law.

Proposition 3 – **CARRIED.**

To note that the territorial seas may be extended whether or not the maritime boundaries between Guernsey, Alderney and Sark or between the Bailiwick of Guernsey and France or between the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Bailiwick of Jersey have already been agreed.

Proposition 4 – **CARRIED.**

To delegate authority to the Policy & Finance Committee to negotiate and agree, with the States of Guernsey and the States of Alderney, the co-ordinates to define the maritime boundaries (median lines) between Sark and Guernsey and Alderney.

Proposition 5 – **CARRIED.**

To direct the Policy & Finance Committee to request Guernsey’s Policy & Resources Committee (acting on behalf of all three Bailiwick authorities) to work with the UK government to negotiate and agree the co-ordinates where necessary to define the maritime boundary between the Bailiwick of Guernsey and France and between the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Bailiwick of Jersey.

Proposition 6 – **CARRIED.**

To agree that, following extension of the territorial seas of the Bailiwick, legislative and administrative measures are implemented and adopted in order to ensure that the Bailiwick fisheries management regime remains the same as it was before extension until any new regime is subsequently agreed between the Bailiwick authorities.

Proposition 7 – **CARRIED.**

To agree that, following or upon extension of the territorial seas of the Bailiwick, any necessary legislation to give full effect in domestic law to the extension and any consequential amendments to extant Bailiwick legislation, such as the Sea Fish Licensing (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012, that may be necessary is enacted.

Proposition 8 – **CARRIED.**

To direct the Policy & Finance Committee to establish whether a transfer of Sark's seabed from the Crown (so far as the same is vested in the Crown) to the Chief Pleas of Sark or another suitable person or entity can be agreed in principle, and –

(a) if agreed in principle –

- (i) to identify a suitable person or entity in which title to and rights in the seabed surrounding Sark might most appropriately be vested,
- (ii) to negotiate the terms and conditions of transfer, and
- (iii) to report back to Chief Pleas with proposals enabling Chief Pleas to approve any such transfer and the identity of the transferee, or

(b) if not agreed in principle –

- (i) to report any failure to agree to Chief Pleas, and
- (ii) to make recommendations as to any further actions or measures that might need to be taken to enable an agreement to be reached.

Proposition 9 – **CARRIED.**

Chief Pleas directs the Committee to request the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above propositions.

4. **COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: To ELECT Conseillers to Committees, as required.**
Policy & Finance Committee.

There were no nominations.

Douzaine.

Conseiller A. de Carteret was elected.

Special Committees.

Land Reform.

Conseiller C. Nightingale was elected to the Committee.

Child Protection.

There were no nominations.

Top Level Domaine.

There were no nominations.

Future Energy.

Conseiller H. Plummer and Conseiller C. Nightingale were elected to the Committee.

5. **COMMITTEE and PANEL ELECTIONS: To ELECT Non-Chief Pleas Members to Committees and Panels, as required.**

Medical & Emergency Committee.

Dr R. Norwich and D. Baker were elected to the Committee.

Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee.

J. Birch, D. Cocksedge and R. Dewe were elected to the Committee.

Child Protection Committee.

R. Guille MBE was elected to the Committee.

Policy & Finance Committee.

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