



The Government of Sark

POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

BUSINESS FORUM

The Government is very keen to engage with the whole business community on Sark so that both can work together for the benefit of the Island and its community in line with the Vision for Sark. Changes to the way Committees work, implemented earlier this year, now mean that the Policy and Performance Committee has the lead responsibility for Economic Development across Government. Therefore following on from the Economic Development Workshops of October 2013 and requests from the business community the Committee is now proposing to set up a Business Forum and invite all interested parties involved in any business, both large and small, (including people who work for themselves) to an inaugural meeting to be held on;

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2015

At the Island Hall at 6.00pm

The Government through the Policy and Performance Committee wishes to engage with the broader business community to more fully understand how the Government can facilitate economic development, deal with barriers and support the business community.

It is intended that this first meeting will produce discussion and decide how the Forum will develop in the future. The Forum is for the business community to

lead, identify opportunities and obstacles and to identify support needed. Therefore it is envisaged that the Forum will itself decide on how meetings will be run, what topics are discussed and how Government policy can be of help.

For example, the Government is already working on Sustainable Reasonably Priced Electricity (including Broadband) and Land Reform, both of which should encourage existing business to invest and look to the future and, at the same time encourage new enterprises.

It is important to the Policy and Performance Committee that it reaches the grass roots of the community, not just the larger businesses. The Business Forum provides an opportunity for Island Businesses from all sections of the community to engage with the Government and the Policy and Performance Committee hope you will accept this invitation to discuss the matter further, and urge all involved to attend.

If you are unable to attend but would like to be included please send your email address to:

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