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EXTRAORDINARY (SPECIAL)

MEETING

OF CHIEF PLEAS

OF THE

ISLAND OF SARK

HANSARD

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EXTRAORDINARY (SPECIAL) MEETING OF CHIEF PLEAS, WEDNESDAY,
8th APRIL 2026

Present:

Seigneur

Maj. C M Beaumont Esq.

Speaker of Chief Pleas

P M Armorgie Esq.

Deputy Prévôt

J Godwin

Greffier

T J Hamon

Treasurer

S Hudson

Constable

C Turner

Assistant Constable

Jonathan Godwin

Conseillers:

John Guille
Helen Plummer
Carol Cragoe
Michael Locke
Natalie Tighe
Christopher Bateson
David Curtis
Edric Baker MBE

James Martin
Frank Makepeace
Patrick Dewe
Samuel Keyte
Nicolas Moloney
Karl Rang
Joseph Perrée
Michael Lanyon

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Extraordinary (Special) Meeting of Chief Pleas

Chief Pleas met at 5 p.m.

[THE SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

PRAYER

The Greffier

ROLL CALL

The Greffier

The Greffier: There are 16 Conseillers, the Seigneur and the Speaker of Chief Pleas present.

The Speaker: Thank you, Greffier. Thank you very much.

Apologies received

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The Speaker: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to this Extraordinary (Special) Meeting of Chief Pleas. This is the five o'clock meeting and we have an additional meeting at 5.30. But this meeting is as is.

10 I would like to say that we have received apologies for absence from Conseiller Rose and Conseiller Nicolle, who cannot be with us this evening.

Lieutenant-Governor absent

15 **The Speaker:** His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Bailiwick also cannot attend today's meeting and he has sent his apologies. However, we are very pleased to welcome Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ayres, the Secretary in ADC to His Excellency, who is in the public gallery this evening. You are very welcome, sir. Welcome to you.

Procedural – Electronic devices

20 **The Speaker:** Therefore, without further ado, I will say that in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, I would remind all present that mobile phones, cameras, recording devices and other electronic equipment must be switched off now, less for those allowed to Chief Pleas Members in accordance with Rule of Procedure 19(2).

Business of the Day

1. To elect a Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas – Theodore Oscar Leworthy elected

Theodore Oscar Leworthy was elected Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas.

The Speaker: Let's come to Agenda Item 1, the sole Agenda Item for this meeting, which is to elect a Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas. We only have one nomination that was received by the Greffier, as the Returning Officer, for the office of Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas by the deadline
25 of 4 pm on Friday, 20th March.

I will just read to you the piece from the Reform (Election of Speaker) legislation which reads as follows. Under section 2(4):

In the event that there is only one candidate for the office of Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, that candidate shall be declared elected without a secret ballot, provided that such election is approved by Resolution of Chief Pleas.

30 I therefore ask for a show of hands to approve the nomination of Theodore Oscar Leworthy to the office of Speaker of Chief Pleas. Please raise your hands. Thank you. That is **carried**.

For the record, Mr Leworthy was proposed by Conseiller Perrée and Conseiller Tighe. He will take his oath of office in the Seneschal's Court on Friday, 22nd May, at 2.15 and commence his term of office as Deputy Speaker from 26th May 2026.

35 At that point we will move along and say that concludes the business of this meeting.

I am very welcome to Theo Leworthy, who will be the new Deputy Speaker, and I would like to say therefore at about 5.05 we will wind this meeting up and we will resume with the second meeting in a few moments' time.

40 There are some technical things to take care of but we will be coming back close to 5.30, but maybe slightly before. Thank you for that.

Greffier, the closing prayer, please.

PRAYER
The Greffier

Chief Pleas closed at 5.05 p.m.