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OF THE

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HANSARD

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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF CHIEF PLEAS, WEDNESDAY, 20th AUGUST
2025

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

Conseillers:

Jolie Rose
John Guille
Helen Plummer
Michael Locke
Natalie Tighe

Christopher Bateson
David Curtis
Edric Baker MBE
Mary Nicolle
James Martin

Business transacted

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Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas

Chief Pleas met at 5 p.m.

[THE SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

PRAYER

The Greffier

The Speaker: Thank you very much, and welcome one and all to this Extraordinary Meeting of Chiefs Pleas. I have received apologies for absence from – sorry, I beg your pardon. Greffier, the roll call, please.

ROLL CALL

The Greffier

5 **The Greffier:** There are 10 Conseillers, the Seigneur and the Speaker of Chief Pleas present.

Apologies

The Speaker: Apologies for jumping ahead there, Greffier, thank you.

I would like to say welcome to this Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas. We have received apologies for absence from the following Conseillers: Conseiller Cragoe, Conseiller Harris, Conseiller Andrew Miller and Conseiller Makepeace are not able to be here this evening.

Lieutenant-Governor absent

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The Speaker: His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor is also unable to be here this evening and he has sent his apologies.

Procedural – Electronic devices

15 **The Speaker:** I would at this point, before we start the Agenda, in accordance with the rules of procedure, remind all present that electronic devices, mobile telephones, recording devices, cameras, etc., and other electronic equipment must be switched off now, less for those allowed to Chief Pleas Members in accordance with Rule 19, part 2.

Thank you.

Business of the Day

1. By-Election Report – Policy and Finance Committee

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To consider a Report with Ordinance and Proposition from the Policy & Finance Committee entitled 'By-Election'.

Proposition 1:

That Chief Pleas approves 'The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2025'.

25 **The Speaker:** So we move on to the Agenda. We have just one Agenda Item this evening and that is Agenda Item 1, which is to consider a Report with an Ordinance, a Proposition and a timetable from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'By-Election' and I would like to ask Conseiller Guille to introduce the Report please.
Thank you.

30 **Conseiller Guille:** Thank you, sir.
This is a Proposition to approve an Ordinance for a by-election to fill four spaces in Chief Pleas. For the benefit of *Hansard* and those listening at home tomorrow some key dates. The by-election will be on 17th September, so some key dates in the run-up to that are that the Electoral Register, which is currently open, will close on 29th August so it is essential to be on the Electoral Register if you either wish to vote or you wish to stand for election.

35 Nominations to stand in the election will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 1st September, and they will close at 12 noon on Friday, 5th September. Wednesday, 17th September, is the date for the by-election and in the event of any run-off the following Wednesday, the 24th, is available.
Thank you.

40 **The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Guille.
Does anyone have any questions or queries to ask of Policy and Finance, Conseiller Guille, regarding the Ordinance or the timetable or the Proposition? Any questions, any queries? No? Therefore let us go to the Proposition contained in the Report, which reads as follows: that Chief Pleas approves the Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2025. Those in
45 favour? Those against? **Carried.**

Registering on Electoral Roll – Statement by the Speaker

The Speaker: Thank you very much indeed. Thank you for that.
Just before we close the meeting, I do not want to double up what Conseiller Guille has just said, but I would take this opportunity to encourage anyone who has lived on Sark for a minimum
50 of two years and is aged 16 years or over to register on the Electoral Roll. This is a very simple process. Registration forms are available to download from the Chief Pleas website or from the Greffier.

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Once completed, forms should be submitted in person to the Greffe on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday afternoon between 2.30 and four o'clock. If you are not registered on the Electoral Roll you are not allowed to vote or stand for election. I apologise for stating the obvious but unfortunately it is a popular misconception that if you are registered to pay tax in Sark then you are also entitled to vote. This is simply not true and this is the case in most other Western democracies.

If you wish to have a voice in how Sark is governed, I urge you to register and to register your democratic right to vote in the by-election on 17th September and also in future elections.

My apologies for doubling up on what Conseiller Guille has said, but I think it is important to stress those points.

Michaelmas Meeting deadline – Statement by the Speaker

The Speaker: Just finally, before I ask the Greffier to close the meeting, the next scheduled meeting of Chief Pleas is the Michaelmas meeting on Wednesday, 1st October 2025, at 5 p.m. The closing date for reports and submissions is Tuesday, 2nd September. So just under two weeks until that closes, please, for the Michaelmas meeting. That just gives the office a fighting chance to prepare those in order to publish the Agenda.

At which point, at six minutes past five, I declare the meeting closed and ask the Greffier to read the closing prayer.

Thank you.

PRAYER
The Greffier

Chief Pleas closed at 5.08 p.m.