POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE (P&F) 20/26

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 29th September 2026 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille, Chair (also Deputy Chair of Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee)
Natalie Tighe (NT) - Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Joe Perrée (JP)
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer (from 5-6.30pm)
Rhys Rowlands (RR) – SOO
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

By invitation: Members of the Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee

Patrick Dewe (PD)
Karl Rang (KR)
Aidan Mallon (AM) – SOO
} from 5pm to 5.45pm

- **IOSS**

The Committees discussed Shareholder Objectives.

- **Minutes and matters arising from meeting 15th September**
  - **Digimap**

A viewing licence for the Office was being looked into.

  - **Safe Space/Detention Centre Pods**

Potential funding for the pods was still being considered.

  - **Water Testing Proposal**

The Committee was looking into how many boreholes needed to be tested to give a good indication of the quality of the Island's water.

Other actions were done or on the agenda for further discussion.

The Minutes were signed off as correct. The summary of the minutes for the website was approved.

- **Financial matters**

The accounts to the end of August were tabled and noted.

The Committee approved payment of an invoice for moving North End generators.

The Committee discussed issues around recovering money for outstanding payments.

- **Allocation of Chief Pleas Papers**

The Committee agreed who would introduce each of the reports at Michaelmas Chief Pleas.

- **APPG**

The Committee had been asked if there were any topics that they wanted to suggest for the 2027 APPG meetings.

- **Policies**

The Committee had reviewed the policies. It was suggested that they should include references to the Civil Service code. The Code should also be reviewed.

- **Remote Attendance**

The Committee discussed the proposal on remote attendance drafted by the Office. RR would amend as discussed and send to the Committee to review. It would then be taken back to PDG.

- **Bailiwick Commission**

The Bailiwick Commission's interim report had now been published. The Committee would give a verbal statement at the Michaelmas Chief Pleas meeting.

- **Guernsey Digital Finance Initiative**

The Committee noted that the GFSC were introducing a package of measures to reduce complexity around the delivery of financial services through digital technology. The legislation would have to be approved Bailiwick-wide.

- **Future Sark**

The dates suggested by Question Factory had not been suitable. The Office would ask QF to look at dates after the Election.

- **Additional Papers for Budget Chief Pleas**

Subject to the Speaker agreeing, there would be 2 additional papers for the Budget Chief Pleas meeting: the appointment of the Deputy Tax Assessor and the Equivalence Tax proposal.

- **Cenotaph Visit**

It was Sark's turn to go to the Cenotaph for Remembrance. JG would be attending.

- **Possible P&F Mandate Inclusion of Population Management and Housing**

The Committee agreed that Population Management and Housing should sit under P&F. This would be looked into further and brought to a future Chief Pleas meeting.

- **Locate Sark webpage**

There was some information on the Sark Government website about living in Sark but no information was available about relocating to Sark. It was suggested there could be a Locates Sark webpage and a 'Locate Sark' email address which would be monitored by the Office who would deal with any enquiries.

- **Appointment of Brazilian Consul**

The Committee had no objections to the appointment of José Antonio Marcondes de Carvalho as the Brazilian consul in London.

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