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## Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas

*Chief Pleas met at 5.30 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.

### **Apologies received**

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**The Speaker:** It is going to sound a little bit like repetition, but welcome to this Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas; the second one this afternoon. I have once again received apologies for absence from Conseiller Rose and Conseiller Nicolle.

### **Lieutenant-Governor absent**

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**The Speaker:** Once again, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Bailiwick cannot attend this evening but he sent his apologies. But we do, once again, welcome Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ayres, the Secretary in ADC to His Excellency, to the public gallery this evening. Welcome to you, sir.

### **Welcome to Conseiller Perrée and Conseiller Lanyon – Statement by the Speaker**

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**The Speaker:** A couple of statements to make before we crack on with the business of the meeting.

Firstly, we were delighted to have a contested by-election in Sark on 25th February 2026, and Conseillers Perrée and Lanyon were both successfully elected. They have subsequently taken their respective oaths of office in front of the Seneschal. We are pleased to welcome them this evening to their first meeting of Chief Pleas. Gentlemen, you are both very welcome as Members of Chief Pleas.

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**Farewell to Mr Jeremy La Trobe-Bateman –  
Statement by the Speaker**

**The Speaker:** I would like to make a further statement, if I may, which is slightly personal, but it is absolutely appropriate that I should make this statement.

25 On behalf of Chief Pleas and the Speaker's Office, I would like to extend our acknowledgement and gratitude to the current Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas, Mr Jeremy La Trobe-Bateman – I embarrass him wholeheartedly – as he prepares to stand down from his role on 26th May 2026.

30 His dedicated service since May 2023 has been exemplary. Marked by discreet but much appreciated support to the Office of Speaker, he has consistently brought knowledge, wisdom, fairness, authority where necessary, and common sense to the role, enhanced by a most welcome sense of humour that we both share that has enriched our proceedings and fostered a positive environment for everyone.

35 His contributions to Chief Pleas have been invaluable and we wish him every success and happiness for your future endeavours. Thank you once again for your outstanding dedication, both to Sark and to Chief Pleas, because for many years Jeremy held the position of Seneschal in the Assembly.

**STATEMENTS**

**Stabilisation works at La Coupée –  
Statement by Conseiller Locke**

**The Speaker:** At that point, thank you, I would like to ask Conseiller Locke, who has requested to make a statement on behalf of the Douzaine, which is relevant for reasons that you will hear now.

40 Conseiller Locke, thank you.

**Conseiller Locke:** Thank you, sir.

45 May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Douzaine to remind Chief Pleas, and the public in general, that stabilisation works at La Coupée start next Monday, 13th April. These works have been planned since last year's surveys after the rockfall earlier in 2025. The works will happen 12 hours a day, seven days a week, in order to complete them in the minimum possible time, hopefully by Friday, 1st May.

50 While the works are happening, La Coupée will be closed apart from three set crossing times and, of course, for emergency services as required. Further details are on the notices, which have been placed around the Island and on Facebook, and the office can answer any specific queries.

Thank you, sir.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Locke, for that statement.

**Procedural –  
Electronic devices**

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**The Speaker:** At this point, once again, 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, save for those allowed to Chief Pleas Members in accordance with Rule of Procedure 19(2).

## Business of the Day

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**The Speaker:** Before we move to Agenda Item 1, I would like to ask Rhys Rowlands from the office to distribute copies of the loan agreement to each bench. As you will be well aware, this is a commercially sensitive document but it is absolutely appropriate that you should have sight of it both today. I know most of you, or the majority of you, have had previous sight of it, but this is the document which is being distributed now.

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At the end of the meeting, before we get to the final prayer, I would ask you to return those documents because, as I say, they are important but they are commercially sensitive for the reasons that you all understand and appreciate. Thank you to Rhys for doing the distribution work right now. There is one copy with each bench.

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So without further ado, let's move to Agenda Item 1.

### 1. Loan Facility Agreement

*To consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'Loan Facility Agreement'.*

#### *Proposition 1*

*That Chief Pleas agrees to the Loan Facility Agreement relating to electricity infrastructure from the States of Guernsey and directs the Policy & Finance Committee to sign the Loan Facility Agreement once compulsory purchase is able to proceed.*

**Conseiller Makepeace:** Sir, point of order.

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**The Speaker:** Conseiller Makepeace, yes, sir.

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**Conseiller Makepeace:** I seek your ruling on whether it is in order for this Assembly to proceed to debate and vote on the proposed £1.5 million borrowing when Members have not had equal access to either the full loan terms or appropriate legal advice. Members of the Policy and Finance Committee have had copies of the full terms to retain and view in their own time. The remaining Members have only been permitted to view the document under supervision.

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Furthermore, Members were originally invited to a briefing with senior civil servant Jo Reeve and a legal representative of the Law Officers, Mr Yousof Khan. That arrangement was changed without notice and the Law Officer was replaced by a non-legally qualified civil servant, resulting in no legal advice being made available to Members. In those circumstances, I submit that Members are not equally informed, either financially or legally. I ask your advice, sir, is it in order for the Assembly to proceed on that basis?

Thank you.

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**The Speaker:** Thank you for the point of order, Conseiller Makepeace.

I am going to refer you to that question – a legitimate question – within the debate and to the Policy and Finance Committee, who are much better placed to answer the details that you have requested. I thank you for your question, your point of order, but we will come to it, if we may, during the debate.

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At which point, I will say Agenda Item 1 is: to consider a Report with Proposition and appendices from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'Loan Facility Agreement', and I would like to ask Conseiller Guille to introduce – one second, Conseiller Guille.

Conseiller Tighe.

100 **Conseiller Tighe:** May I please make a statement?

**The Speaker:** Yes, by all means.  
Thank you.

105 **Conseiller Tighe:** For transparency, before addressing all three Items, I wish to declare an indirect interest which relates to all three electricity propositions on today's agenda. I wish to declare an indirect interest as I am employed by Sark Estate Agents, a subsidiary of the lessor of the power station site, and I have undertaken work on behalf of the lessor. My role does not involve any decision-making responsibility in respect of the lease or any electricity operational  
110 matters. I believe that this is not a direct pecuniary interest as defined by section 15(2), which states 'immediate and personal'. I believe that an indirect interest would mean that I remain permitted to stay in the Assembly Rooms, can participate in the debate, and vote on all relevant propositions. That is my statement.

Thank you.

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**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Tighe.

I had notice of that statement, and the reason I have allowed it now is it applies to Agenda Items 1, 2, and 3, and now I felt was the most appropriate time to do it ahead of the introduction from Policy and Finance. Thank you for that statement, Conseiller Tighe.

120 At which point, I will turn to Conseiller Guille, as the Chair of Policy and Finance, to introduce the Report.

Conseiller Guille, thank you.

**Conseiller Guille:** Thank you very much, sir.

125 We have got an excellent Item paper prepared by the office and the Committee, a lot of information included in the appendices. I am not going to read that out verbatim, but I will give an opening to perhaps add a bit further colour to it.

130 Mr Speaker, the compulsory purchase of Sark Electricity Ltd's assets will secure Sark's energy future for generations to come. It will allow the Island to determine its own direction and it will ensure that our energy infrastructure is safe, reliable, sustainable, and meets the current and future needs of our residents and businesses.

In order to achieve this, at its extraordinary meeting on 25th June 2025, Chief Pleas directed the Policy and Finance Committee to enter negotiations with Guernsey's Policy & Resources Committee to finalise and agree, subject to consultation with all Conseillers, the loan facility of up  
135 to £1.5 million over a 20-year period to enable Chief Pleas to purchase the assets of Sark Electricity Ltd and/or Sark Electricity Holdings Ltd, and undertake immediate remedial works to ensure the safety of the existing network to mitigate any existing health and safety risks.

140 Why a loan from Guernsey? Mr Speaker, a loan from Guernsey represents the cheapest and most dependable option to complete the initial purchase with and to ensure the safety of the grid through urgent remedial work. A commercial loan, if it were obtainable, could be significantly more expensive. Given the absence of assets that a lender would require as collateral, in practice it would likely require a guarantee from Guernsey, and this has actually been confirmed by NatWest, which would likely come with its own charges and further conditions anyway.

145 The option of raising funds through a community or public bond has previously been discussed within Chief Pleas and considered, and this option remains under consideration and will be pursued once the compulsory purchase of the existing assets has been completed. At this stage, it is therefore considered that a government-to-government loan represents the simplest and most reliable mechanism to secure funding for the initial phase of the project, removing uncertainty while the compulsory purchase process is concluded.

150 Once the acquisition and initial make-safe works are completed, we will be in a stronger position to refinance, attract investment, and plan for a full upgrade of Sark's electricity infrastructure, building a system that is not only resilient and sustainable, but affordable for future generations.

155 The loan terms: I must take this opportunity to thank former Conseiller Andrew Miller for leading negotiations with the States of Guernsey. We were presented with an initial loan proposal, and Conseiller Miller took the lead on negotiating with colleagues and officers in Guernsey. We thank you very much for that.

160 The loan facility itself will be for up to £1.5 million over 20 years. The Proposition paper contains all the key details of the loan but, in short, the loan has a repayment term of 20 years from the first drawdown date, with a net availability period of 36 months from the date that the agreement is entered into.

165 Chief Pleas may draw down the loan in up to five separate requests during the availability period. The number of drawdowns reflects the exact state of the SEL infrastructure and grid that will remain unknown until after the compulsory purchase is complete and we are able to carry out more detailed investigations.

170 Repayments will be made in quarterly instalments on the last day of March, June, September, and December. Chief Pleas may repay any part of the loan early, including accrued interest. There will be no charge for repayments over £100,000. The loan is secured by Impôt payments, should we default on any payments. These are duties collected by the States of Guernsey on behalf of Sark.

Affordability: Mr Speaker, as demonstrated in the Proposition papers, the loan is clearly affordable, even in the unlikely event that Chief Pleas draws down the entire £1.5 million loan and makes no early repayments.

175 Should Chief Pleas choose to draw down only £1 million and apply surplus revenue from electricity operations towards repayment, both the loan term and the interest costs would be significantly reduced. Guernsey is not lending to us to make a profit, it is offering support to resolve an issue that has burdened Sark for far too long.

180 Loan viewing: Mr Speaker, this is essentially the same loan agreement as those issued to States of Guernsey-owned bodies and for this reason it has been requested that this document remains confidential. If Sark is to be taken seriously as a partner now and in the future then we must do our best to respect these requests.

It is equally important that Sark maintains its position as a trusted partner to financial institutions. How we manage confidential documentation now will directly influence our credibility in any future discussions on financing.

185 Ensuring that the document is viewed securely without reproduction or onward distribution is a key part of demonstrating that we take our responsibilities seriously. It is worth also stating that in Guernsey, the fine print of loans to States-owned bodies would not even generally be shared with politicians. Given the commercially sensitive nature of the agreement, the loan document has therefore been available to view by Conseillers in hard copy only. This is standard practice with sensitive confidential documents of this type and the lender requires that we handle the document in a controlled manner.

190 The agreement also contains a confidentiality clause, which restricts how the material can be shared. For the past three weeks all Conseillers have had the opportunity to view the loan agreement in full for as long as they would like and as many times as they would like, including out-of-office hours or on weekends. Many Conseillers have taken advantage of this and they will have seen that the Proposition paper and previous public document reflect the loan agreement accurately. There are no hidden clauses, no concealed obligations and no surprises.

200 It is disappointing that some of the most outspoken critics have not taken this opportunity to review the document. It is difficult to justify objections to an agreement if you have not even taken the time to read it, despite repeated opportunities to do so.

On 25th March, there was also an opportunity to ask questions directly to colleagues from the States of Guernsey. This was well-attended and States of Guernsey officials made clear that they would happily go through the document page by page at a time that suits any Conseiller.

205 Mr Speaker, rejecting this loan achieves only one thing. It ensures that Alan Witney-Price can continue to hold this Island to ransom. This is our opportunity, perhaps the only realistic opportunity we will have, to take control of our own electricity and our own energy future. There have been critics, but no one has proposed a viable or lawful alternative route. That is the fundamental truth we must confront. For all the noise, for all the rhetoric, no credible alternative plan has been put forward that would secure the assets, resolve the dispute, make the network  
210 safe, or provide certainty for the people of Sark. This is the only realistic, affordable, and timely mechanism to end this long-running dispute.

The compulsory purchase is already in motion. The valuers were agreed before Christmas. The Seneschal has recently ruled against a further application for the Seneschal to recuse herself, which is a second application. We look forward to a court ruling soon on the method of valuation.

215 The need for urgent remedial works is undisputed. The state of the grid will not improve by itself. Wishing for another option will not make one appear. Delaying will not make anything easier and pretending that we can somehow avoid the financial realities of this process is not responsible governance. What is responsible governance is ensuring that we have the funding required to complete the purchase, to make the network safe and to protect our community from further risk.  
220 Guernsey's loan provides that. It is stable, affordable, secure and structured in a way designed to support Sark, not exploit it.

Let us be clear, this is not about politics. This is about whether we, as Conseillers, as representatives of the Island, are prepared to take the difficult but necessary decisions to safeguard our future. Other jurisdictions would envy this opportunity. Government-to-  
225 government loan with favourable terms, low risk and oversight designed to protect the borrower rather than profit from them. Voting for this loan means progress, it means safety, it means ending a dispute that has dominated Sark for far too long. It means taking responsibility rather than deferring it. It means finally putting power, literally and figuratively, back in the hands of the people of Sark. Voting against it achieves nothing. It keeps us exactly where we are; dependent,  
230 vulnerable and constrained by an irrational and erratic private owner who has no incentive to resolve the situation.

We must ask ourselves one question. If not this, then what? And if the honest answer is nothing, then the path we must take is clear. Mr Speaker, this is our chance to secure a safe, reliable, sustainable electricity for the future. Let's not squander it.

235 Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Guille. Thank you.

Thereby, you hear the introduction to the Report. Thank you for that. I would like now to open up the debate to questions.

240 Conseiller Makepeace, I see your hand, just one second; I will come to you in one second. Any questions that you have, please raise your hand and I will come to you as soon as I can, but we are going to do it in order, starting with Conseiller Makepeace.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** Thank you, sir.

245 Members of Chief Pleas, we are being asked this evening to approve a loan that will commit Sark to a very substantial financial obligation in order to purchase the assets of Sark Electricity Ltd. Before we take that step we must be absolutely clear about one issue, the basis on which those assets are being valued.

250 Conseiller Guille told us recently at a meeting that the figure of approximately £500,000 has been estimated to purchase the assets of Sark Electricity, with a further £300,000 to £500,000 for repair works. This is derived from the regulatory asset value. But let us be clear, regulatory asset value is not a market price. It is not what a willing buyer would pay a willing seller in an open and

properly negotiated transaction. It is a regulatory construct designed to determine allowable returns, not to determine the sale price of a business.

255 If we proceed on that basis alone, we are not engaging in a normal commercial purchase. We are, in effect, substituting a negotiated price with a figure derived from regulatory assumptions, and that raises a serious question. Is this truly a purchase or does it begin to look like compensation imposed by a public authority?

260 That distinction is not academic. It has real legal and financial consequences. If the owner considers that this figure does not reflect the true value of the business as a going concern, and there is clear evidence of a very substantial gap between the two positions, then we must expect challenge, and any such challenge will not be cost free. It will expose this Island to uncertainty, delay and potentially significant additional liability. We cannot simply assume that adopting regulatory asset value makes the problem go away. It does not. It may, in fact, store up greater problems for the future.

265 So I say this plainly, it is not sufficient for us to proceed on the basis of a figure that is convenient or expedient. We must be satisfied that the valuation is fair, defensible and capable of withstanding scrutiny, not only in this Chamber but beyond it. If we are not confident of that, then approving this loan tonight carries risks that we have not properly addressed.

270 This is not a routine decision, it is a defining one. It is our responsibility to ensure that in seeking to solve one problem, we do not create a far more serious one. With that in mind, I will be voting against the proposal.

Thank you.

275 **The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace.

I would send that back to P&F for a response and then, thank you, I will come to Conseiller Locke after that.

Conseiller Cragoe, is your hand up?

280 **Conseiller Cragoe:** No.

**The Speaker:** No, it is not, I beg your pardon.

Conseiller Guille followed by Conseiller Locke. Thank you.

Conseiller Guille.

285 **Conseiller Guille:** Thank you, sir; and thank you Conseiller Makepeace for the questions.

It raises an interesting point about regulated asset value and something that we have covered numerous times within Conseiller briefings over the last – well, over the last 18 months and I will tell you why. Conseiller Makepeace almost nails a couple of things there.

290 Before summer 2024, the regulated asset value of the electricity company was based on something similar to what Conseiller Makepeace was talking about; calculations. After the Price Commissioner's ruling in the summer of 2024 – it is on publicly available documents – he then changed the basis for the regulated asset value to base it on the figure that was disclosed to him by the owner of SEL that he had paid another private individual to purchase the company for.

295 So you can do as many calculations as you want, but when you are actually told what the purchase price of the company is, that trumps those. The current regulated asset value, which we have been referring to, which is now below £500,000, we have not been using it as a valuation; we have been using it as an estimate.

300 The job of valuation is down to the court-appointed valuers, and that will take into account numerous things, including liabilities as well. But no, the regulated asset value that we have been using as an estimate is actually based on a sale price from a private individual to a private individual. So I hope I am jogging Conseiller Makepeace's memory, but I hope that basically answers all the issues that you have just raised there.

305 But regardless of that, the whole point of doing this through a compulsory purchase process is it should provide the fairest price possible for both the seller and the buyer. Independent, court-appointed valuers, industry experts, will go through an open and transparent process to value the business. In fact, the method of valuation will be agreed beforehand and ruled on by the court. That is the process we are waiting for at the moment to agree the method of valuation. It should result in an honest and fair price for both parties.

310 So I think where we are now, compulsory purchase is the fairest way for both sides to reach a sale price.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Guille.

315 Conseiller Locke, I am aware that you wanted to speak, but I think Conseiller Makepeace might want to just come back on that point. So before I come to Conseiller Locke, Conseiller Makepeace, thank you.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** Thank you, sir.

320 Yes, thank you, Conseiller Guille. I would just like to mention identification of liabilities. Can the Policy and Finance Committee confirm that all known and potential liabilities associated with a compulsory purchase have been fully identified and documented?

Thank you.

325 **The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace.

Conseiller Guille, do you want to come back on that?

**Conseiller Guille:** Yes. All currently known liabilities have been looked at, but there is still a process to go through to assess the liabilities. One of those, in particular, will be an assessment of potential ground contamination at the power station site. The Policy and Finance Committee are engaging a geotechnical specialist firm to do a survey and take samples and make an assessment of that. So all these liabilities will be taken into account by the valuer before evaluation is made.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Guille. Thank you.

335 I will come to you, Councillor Keyte, in a second. Conseiller Locke waiting patiently.

Thank you.

**Conseiller Locke:** Thank you, sir.

340 As Chair of Future Energy, I would just like to clarify one or two things because the recent correspondence from SEL seeks to drag back in something that is not happening. We are not seeking the loan in order to buy Sark Electricity Ltd or Sark Electricity Holdings Ltd. We have no intention of buying either of those companies. What we are seeking to do is, as per the law, buy the assets of the company so that they can be operated in a safe and reliable fashion and made safe.

345 So where there are liabilities for the company, they do not apply. The only reason the liability for possible remedial work at the power station might apply is that Chief Pleas – and then the company would pass it over to the interim company – would take over the lease, which has associated liabilities with it. We are not seeking to buy the company. We are seeking to buy the assets of the company so that the electricity system can be operated in a safe and reliable manner.

350 I might add two other points to that. I have been looking into this for some months. If I can refer to *Hansard* from Chief Pleas of 18th April 2012, there is comment in there that bringing in a regulatory regime is like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut, but when faced with complete intransigence by the company and a refusal to co-operate with the Committee or with the advisers on behalf of the Committee, it had no alternative to take this step.

355 I was not fortunate enough to be here at the time, but the intransigence and the obfuscations of the various alleged owners of the company has been going on for decades, and it is about time that Sark was able to put this behind them and look to the future for its future generations.

360 The last thing I would add to Conseiller Makepeace, and I know it is a completely different and domestic analogy, but when in the UK I was buying houses, you first got your mortgage offer in writing from the lender before you put an offer in on your house. I think that is exactly the same situation here. We have to get the loan in our back pocket before we can make an offer on the assets, which will be independently valued by a court direction method.

Thank you, sir.

365 **The Speaker:** Thank you for the clarification of those points, Conseiller Locke. Thank you. Conseiller Keyte, you had your hand up. Thank you for waiting.

**Conseiller Keyte:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

370 Our risks and liabilities have been mentioned. I wrote recently requesting to understand if a formal consolidated risk register exists for the project, setting out the principal risks, mitigations, and responsibilities. Could the Committee please confirm whether such a document exists, as I will be able to make an informed decision of how to vote today without that risk assessment and for me to be able to give my judgement on the risks and liabilities involved.

Thank you.

375 **The Speaker:** Thank you for that question, Conseiller Keyte. P&F, are you able to come back on that with an answer?

380 **Conseiller Guille:** Yes. I thank Conseiller Keyte for his email. I am sorry that it was not responded to more timely. A draft risk register does exist, but it has not got out to other Conseillers in time. The risks are quite widely known, have been debated over several years, but yes, we would be happy to share that draft probably later in the week.

385 I think the main risk here, Conseiller Keyte, is the risk of doing nothing. We have had safety reports from ERS 2022, I think – I cannot remember – energypeople reports, the unfortunate incident down the harbour in 2023. People do not realise just how close sometimes we possibly are to something going wrong on Sark. To me the greatest risk is that we do nothing. I think we are just gambling at the moment.

390 The current owner has done nothing significant in the last several years to invest into the grid. There has been a new second-hand generator, but apart from that there has been no significant investment. I think it is well beyond time that the people of Sark are able to grasp this. Sure, there will be there will be a bunch of risks in different directions but we think we have mitigated them as best we can. This loan is repayable based on current prices through the cost of electricity; not from the taxpayers, not from the general tax take, purely through the cost of electricity.

395 We have allowed £300,000 to £500,000 in there for remedial work, but we have actually allowed another £500,000 contingency on top of that. So I think this is the most sensible and risk-free route through. It is never going to be completely free of risk. I think we have mitigated it as far as we reasonably can.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Guille. Thank you.

400 I have got three more hands up. I am going to come first of all back to Conseiller Keyte, if I may, and then Conseiller Makepeace followed by Conseiller Tighe. Thank you. Conseiller Keyte.

**Conseiller Keyte:** Thank you.

405 Due to the absence of a clear consolidated risk register in plain English, I will not be able to support the motions today.

**The Speaker:** Thank you.

Before I come to Conseiller Makepeace, would you like to respond to that, Conseiller Tighe?

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**Conseiller Tighe:** Yes, please.

There is actually a comprehensive risk register within the energypeople report. I think off the top of my head it is on around page 41 or 42. This is available on the Chief Pleas website and also on the Sark Community Power website; so there is a risk register there.

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**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Tighe. Right, okay, thank you.

Conseiller Makepeace, thank you. Your turn, thank you.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** I would like to thank Conseiller Guille for his explanation. One thing I would like to ask though, I think we would all agree that safety first and we have to bring all the machinery and equipment up to scratch. But my concern is, what will we be working to? What regulations? Because we do not have a health and safety law in place. So how will we decide if something is within the law or not when we do not have any laws? Will we follow maybe the Guernsey laws or the UK? Because at the moment we do not have any standards to work to.

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Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace.

Conseiller Guille, do you want to come back on that?

Thank you.

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**Conseiller Guille:** Yes. Absolutely, as is standard in a lot of industries, not just electricity, we will work to current best practice. It was pointed out to us by several experts from the UK that the electricity companies in the UK do not just follow a rigorous set of rules. They do what is industry best practice. Often the rule book does not keep up with that.

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So we will be employing professionals to manage the company, professionals to design any works and improvements that need upgrading, and all of them will be adhering to industry best practice. We do not need a health and safety law to stop a company on Sark from adhering to best practice.

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If you wanted the electricity company or other companies on the Island to only work to the standards of what is written in law, then I do not think Chief Pleas would get anything done, because we would constantly be updating subsection 33 of such-and-such law.

Responsible companies, like I said, not just in electricity but other utility providers, other public serving companies, responsible companies, operate to industry best practice. You have got people qualified and accredited in that industry. They do things properly. That is where the management of SEL – not the workers – have sadly been letting the Island down for too long.

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I must say the guys on the ground who work for Sark Electricity do absolutely the best job they can with the tools that are given to them. I am certainly looking forward to having a professional management at the Island's electricity company to give the team of SEL workers the tools and the guidance and the investment to do the job to modern best practice.

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Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Guille.

Conseiller Locke, thank you for your patience.

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**Conseiller Locke:** Thank you, sir.

I would just like to add a couple of points on that. Firstly, having worked in a regulated utility industry in England and Wales, that is a very good point. The regulation and the law was where

we started, and we always attempted to exceed it in order to mitigate the risk yet more. So that is fairly standard practice in regulated industries.

460 But on the specific point of here, Alderney does not have any standards on electricity regulation either. The person who upgraded the Alderney distribution and electricity system did so because, as he said in a briefing to us last year or the year before, it is because we are owned by Alderney and we would really rather not like to kill our customers. So I think exactly the same thing works here.

465 Once the electricity company is owned and operated on behalf of the Island by first the interim company and then the community power, things will be done properly because it will be 'our company' and they will be our customers using our electricity on our Island.

I would just point out that the person who gave that assurance of the upgrade of proper standards were exceeded at the Alderney upgrade is the same gentleman who is proposed as Interim Managing Director, in Proposition 2, for our forthcoming company. So we are in safe hands, I think.

**The Speaker:** Thank you for that clarification, Conseiller Locke. Thank you.

475 Do we have any additional questions from the floor? Any questions that you would like to ask before we start moving towards the Proposition accompanying Agenda Item 1? Any points, any observations?

Conseiller Locke, back to yourself. Thank you.

480 **Conseiller Locke:** I am sorry to be rather boring, but just for the benefit of listeners and the public, I would like to say that I had two goes at looking through the loan agreement in detail – in the office first time and in here second time – and I have checked that it is okay for me to say this. The headings of the clauses, which you can see in looking at the detailed document in front of you, are, number one, 'Definitions and interpretations', number two, 'What the loan amount is'; number three, 'The purpose of the loan', which also keeps us to using that loan only for the specific purposes that are dated in there.

485 How the drawings are done; the conditions that would be precedent, i.e. you cannot borrow any more money if you are in default or in potential default. You have to comply with the entire agreement before you can get any more loan. The repayments, you can pay back over £100,000 when there are no extra charges, what the instalments and interest dates are, that the payment should be in sterling from cleared funds, not an IOU on the back of a fag packet.

495 There are further covenants in that the level of the debt that there is is not subordinated to other debt that Chief Pleas may have; what comprises the events of default, which is firstly non-payment or failure to comply with any provision of the agreement; how things are calculated according to the usual accounts practice of the lender; any amendments and waivers must be agreed and signed in writing by both parties; individual clauses may be severed from the agreement if one or other is found to be illegal or cannot be complied with, but the rest of the clauses stay in place; no rights under the agreement can be assigned to any third parties. It must be kept confidential. There are no third party rights under this agreement; and how you usually get to the end of any contract, where the notices are served and under what law is it construed, which in this case is Guernsey law.

500 Schedule 1 is the repayment profile, which is pretty much in the Report in front of us here. Schedule 2 is the form you have to fill in to get a drawdown. So those are the clauses within the very full agreement that I have been through in some detail twice, and, as Conseiller Guille says, given all the information that we have had out there in the past 18 months or so, there are no surprises. It is what it said on the tin.

Thank you, sir.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Locke, again for that clarification.

510 Once again, do we have any further questions, comments, points that you would like to raise in debate before we go to the proposition?

Yes, Conseiller Makepeace, thank you.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** It is just that the risk point of view, if there were to be litigation then would we be using the money from the loan for our legal fees?

515 Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you for that question.  
Policy and Finance, Conseiller Guille, thank you.

520 **Conseiller Guille:** No, it is as normal. If there were litigation the Law Officers of the Crown would be representing us.

**The Speaker:** Thank you for that clarification, thank you.

525 Are there any further questions that you would like to raise, ask of Policy and Finance before, as I say, we move to the Proposition attached to the Report. Any questions, any points?

**Conseiller Makepeace:** Can we have a named vote, please?

530 **The Speaker:** Named vote, Conseiller Makepeace, thank you. We will have a named vote, thank you.

Okay, before we go to the Proposition, Conseiller Guille, would you like to sum up or have you said everything that you would like to say? Okay, that is a no, thank you, from P&F. In which case, I see no further hands going up, let us therefore go to the vote. I will read the Proposition out.

535 So the Proposition attached to Agenda Item 1 reads as follows: that Chief Pleas agrees to the loan facility agreement relating to electricity infrastructure from the States of Guernsey and directs the Policy and Finance Committee to sign the loan facility agreement once compulsory purchase is able to proceed. That is the Proposition.

540 As the vote comes to you individually, it is vote pour for or contre against, or if you prefer no vote. So it is pour in favour, contre against, or no vote, as you wish. At that point I will hand over to the Greffier.

Thank you.

*There was a named vote.*

*Carried – Pour 13, Contre 3, No Vote 0*

<b>POUR</b>	<b>CONTRE</b>	<b>NO VOTE</b>
Conseiller John Guille	Conseiller Frank Makepeace	None
Conseiller Helen Plummer	Conseiller Samuel Keyte	
Conseiller Carol Cragoe	Conseiller Michael Lanyon	
Conseiller Michael Locke		
Conseiller Natalie Tighe		
Conseiller Christopher Bateson		
Conseiller David Curtis		
Conseiller Edric Baker MBE		
Conseiller James Martin		
Conseiller Patrick Dewe		
Conseiller Nicholas Moloney		
Conseiller Karl Rang		
Conseiller Joseph Perée		

545 **The Speaker:** Okay, thank you for that. I declare that the Proposition has 13 votes for, 3 votes  
contre, and there were no no votes. Therefore the Proposition is **carried**. Thank you for that  
clarification.

## 2. Establishing a Company to Operate Electricity Assets Post-Compulsory Purchase

*To consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled  
'Establishing a Company to Operate Electricity Assets Post-Compulsory Purchase'.*

### *Proposition 1*

*That Chief Pleas directs the Policy and Finance Committee to establish a company limited by  
shares so that SEL's assets can be transferred to that company following compulsory purchase.*

550 **The Speaker:** Let me just assemble myself here and we will move on to Agenda Item 2. Agenda  
Item 2 which reads: to consider a Report with Proposition and annex A from the Policy and Finance  
Committee entitled 'Establishing a Company to Operate Electricity Assets Post-Compulsory  
Purchase'. I would ask once again Conseiller Guille, or is it Conseiller Tighe? I beg your pardon, it  
is Conseiller Tighe to introduce the Report.

Thank you, Conseiller Tighe.

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**Conseiller Tighe:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The compulsory purchase of Sark Electricity Ltd's SEL assets will secure Sark's energy future for  
generations to come. It will allow the Island to determine its own direction and it will ensure that  
our energy infrastructure is safe, reliable, sustainable and meets the current and future needs of  
560 our residents and businesses.

In the short term, as these assets transfer from SEL to Island ownership, it is critical that there  
is no disruption to the generation and distribution of electricity and that employees can continue  
to operate with certainty and security. It is also essential that the existing electricity infrastructure  
is made safe and that urgent remedial work is conducted where required.

565 Chief Pleas must therefore consider how best to operate these assets in the initial period  
post-compulsory purchase. Establishing a company limited by shares, with Chief Pleas as the sole  
shareholder, would ensure that the Island retains full control over electricity provision, while  
limiting the Island's liability and maintaining continuity of operations, including a focus on  
essential remedial work. This is not a permanent arrangement, but a stepping stone to a  
570 community ownership structure, which would hopefully be moved to within 18 months of  
purchase. Once we have a complete understanding of the electricity infrastructure and it is made  
safe, this arrangement will be reviewed to align with Sark's longer-term energy strategy as we  
move to a modern sustainable energy system.

575 Establishing a company limited by shares is a straightforward process under Bailiwick company  
law. It will provide immediate legal clarity and certainty, and is a simple yet flexible vehicle. Set-  
up costs are minimal, less than approximately £150 with relatively limited ongoing costs, and it  
can be done in a matter of hours. If the Managing Director is not a Guernsey resident, then  
additional costs will be incurred to appoint a Guernsey registered agent and a Guernsey registered  
office. This can range from £2,000 to £8,500 per year, with additional set-up fees.

580 The more time-consuming component will be the drafting of the new company's constitutional  
documents, which will be undertaken by the Law Officers. This company can be created with its  
constitutional documents before compulsory purchase and sit effectively dormant until required.  
On the day of compulsory purchase, assets would be transferred from Chief Pleas to this company.  
As per the Compulsory Purchase Law, all existing SEL contracts, including employment contracts,  
585 transfer to Chief Pleas on the day of purchase.

In order to ensure the effective functioning of the new company, Chief Pleas will need to appoint an experienced Interim Managing Director and a small number of non-executive directors (NEDs). Policy and Finance will consider NED appointments and present a follow-on paper to Chief Pleas for approval. Item 3 today covers the Interim Managing Director.

590 Approving this Item ensures that Sark moves immediately from uncertainty and dispute to control, continuity and responsibility. It puts the Island in the best possible position to protect public safety, maintain reliable supply and plan sensibly for the future of its energy system.

Thank you.

595 **The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Tighe.

Do we have any questions? Yes, Conseiller Makepeace, thank you.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** Thank you, sir.

600 I cannot support this Proposition as it stands and I will be voting against it. Let me be clear, I fully accept the importance of maintaining a safe and continuous electricity supply for Sark. That is not in dispute. What is in dispute is whether Chief Pleas is being asked to approve this matter on a proper and sufficiently informal basis. In my view, we are not. We are being asked to authorise the creation of a company before we have seen its constitutional documents, before we know its governance arrangements in any detail, before we have a proper financial model and  
605 before we know who will lead it. That is far too much to leave for later.

The Report says this would be a temporary arrangement and that a community ownership structure would hopefully follow within 18 months. But 'hopefully' is not a safeguard, it is not a commitment and it is not a legal mechanism and certainly not a plan. Once this company is created there is every risk that the temporary becomes permanent simply because no binding alternative  
610 has been put in place.

I am also concerned by the lack of financial clarity. We are told that incorporation is cheap and straightforward, but that is not the real issue. The real issue is the cost of running the company, the cost of management, of directors, urgent remedial works and the cost of making the infrastructure safe. These are the figures that matter and they are not properly before us.

615 We are also told this structure will limit liability. I do not think we should comfort ourselves with that phrase too easily. If Chief Pleas is the sole shareholder, the Island still carries the political, financial and practical risk if this goes wrong. This is too important a decision to take on trust. We should not be asked to sign off the shell today and wait for the substance tomorrow.

620 For those reasons, I cannot support the Proposition in its present form. If Policy and Finance wishes to return with the full governance documents, the financial framework, proposed safeguards and the arrangements for appointments and accountability, then Chief Pleas can consider it properly. But tonight I do not believe we have enough, and I will be voting against.

Thank you.

625 **The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace.

Policy and Finance, would you like to come back on those points? They are noted. Thank you. Does anyone else have any points that they would like to raise regarding the Report under Agenda Item 2?

Councillor Locke, thank you.

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**Conseiller Locke:** Sorry, just as a brief practical effort, now that the Compulsory Purchase Law has been enacted at the beginning of the year or has been activated at the beginning of the year, we are now on a timetable that is set by law for the purchase of the assets. I think that it would be a wise decision to have this paper company ready in time for that and also to have worked on  
635 in the meantime for, I assume, presentation to Chief Pleas, the Mem and Arts and the various structures that such a company would need in advance of when we actually need it. Because we

will be in dead schtuck if all of a sudden we have the assets in Chief Pleas hands and then have to go away and sort out starting a company and a Mem and Arts.

640 So let's get that preparatory work done now and then things can be done so we are ready and in time. That is my view, sir.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Locke. Thank you.

645 Does anyone else have any points or questions or observations they would like to raise with Policy and Finance before we go to the Proposition attached to this Report? Any comments, points, observations, now is your chance.

650 Okay, in which case let us move to the Proposition attached to Agenda Item 2 and it reads as follows: that Chief Pleas directs the Policy and Finance Committee to establish a company limited by shares so that SEL's assets can be transferred to that company following compulsory purchase. Those in favour, please raise your hands.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** Can I have a named vote or is it too late?

**The Speaker:** Too late, sadly. You have to jump in earlier than that, unfortunately.

655 Okay, start again, please. Can we have a show of hands on that Proposition, please? Show of hands in favour? Thank you. Those against? Okay, thank you very much. That Proposition is carried.

### 3. Appointing an Interim Managing Director for Sark's Electricity Company Post-Compulsory Purchase

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*To consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'Appointing an Interim Managing Director for Sark's Electricity Company Post-Compulsory Purchase'.*

*Proposition 1*

*That Chief Pleas directs the Policy and Finance Committee to appoint James Lancaster as the interim Managing Director of the electricity company.*

665 **The Speaker:** I will just align my paperwork and I will be right with you for Agenda Item 3. Agenda Item 3, which is: to consider a Report with Proposition from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled 'Appointing an Interim Managing Director for Sark's Electricity Company Post-Compulsory Purchase'. That is the title of the Report and I would like to ask somebody from P&F to introduce the Report.

Yes, Councillor Cragoe, thank you very much.

**Conseiller Cragoe:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

670 As per Item 2, establishing a company limited by shares with Chief Pleas as the sole shareholder, which we have now approved, this would ensure that the Island retains full control over electricity provision while limiting the Island's liability and maintaining continuity of operations, including a focus on essential remedial work, and I think we are all aware of how important that remedial work is. This is not a permanent arrangement, it is a stepping stone to  
675 community ownership structure and we would hopefully move to community ownership within 18 months of purchase.

Once we have a complete understanding of the electricity infrastructure and it is made safe, this arrangement will be reviewed to align with Sark's longer-term energy strategy as we move to a modern sustainable energy system. So in terms of the management and board, in order to

680 ensure the effective functioning of the new company, Chief Pleas needs to appoint an experienced Interim Managing Director and a small number of non-executive directors, NEDs.

We are proposing the appointment of James Lancaster, who is the former Managing Director of Alderney Electricity Ltd, who is willing to act as Interim Managing Director of our new company. He brings significant direct experience in managing island electricity utility, giving him a very strong understanding of the operational, technical, and governance demands of a small island energy system. This included leading Alderney Electricity through a major grid update project from 685 2022 to 2025.

Those of you who were Conseillers in 2025, you may remember the PDG presentation he gave where he had quite a detailed slideshow about that. It was absolutely fascinating and how similar 690 it was to what – their grid was very similar to our grid. So he has very direct experience of something extremely similar. Therefore his background makes him exceptionally well-placed to ensure a smooth and secure transition for our operations in this interim period following compulsory purchase and to enable planning for a longer-term transition to the community-owned structure.

695 His appointment would be for an initial interim period of six months ,and clear measurable objectives will be established for this interim period prior to the resolution of compulsory purchase in order to guide his work. I would advocate that everyone supports this proposition. He is really a superb choice, and it will make a remarkable change to have somebody like him in charge of our electricity system.

700 Thank you very much.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Cragoe. Thank you.

Some hands up. I will come to Conseiller Makepeace first, followed by Conseiller Locke. Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace.

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**Conseiller Makepeace:** Before I forget, could we have a named vote on this, sir?

**The Speaker:** Noted. Named vote, thank you.

710 **Conseiller Makepeace:** I must be clear, I am not comfortable with this process that we have been asked to follow here. Even if Chief Pleas has agreed in principle to the establishment of a company under the previous Item, we have not yet approved the detail that actually defines how that company will operate. We have not seen its constitution, its governance framework or its financial structure. Yet we are now being asked to appoint the individual who will lead it. That is 715 fundamentally the wrong way around.

This is not a minor procedural issue. It goes to the heart of good governance. Leadership should be appointed into a clearly-defined structure, not in advance of a structure. Otherwise, we are effectively asking Chief Pleas to delegate authority without knowing its scope. I am also concerned that no transparent recruitment process has been followed. We are presented with a single 720 candidate without any explanation of how that individual was selected, whether alternatives were considered or what criteria were applied. That is simply not the standard we should expect for a role of this importance.

We are further told that there will be clear measurable objectives, yet those objectives have not been provided, so we have been asked to approve an appointment without knowing what 725 success looks like or how performance will be assessed. Taken together, this does not represent a robust or accountable process. It represents a sequence of decisions being brought forward before the necessary detail is in place.

For that reason, I will not be supporting this appointment at this stage. The proper course is to define the structure, agree the governance, set the objectives and then appoint the individual to 730 do it.

Thank you, sir.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace.

735 Conseiller Cragoe, would you like to come back on that before I come to Conseiller Locke?  
Conseiller Cragoe.

**Conseiller Cragoe:** Yes, thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

740 Sorry, I am just a little bit puzzled by some of Conseiller Makepeace's comments. Of all the  
people who we might have to help us set up this company, James Lancaster, with his Alderney  
experience, which is so directly relevant to Sark, is really the only person that we could have  
chosen.

745 In terms of setting up a company structure, it is not rocket science. It is an electricity company,  
and we know a great deal about Sark Electricity already. We know how much – there are detailed  
financial figures. We do know, actually, quite a lot already about the infrastructure. He really is  
the only person that we could have chosen. It is also an interim appointment. We need to have  
someone in place at the beginning so, yes, I think he is really a suitable person. If we want them  
to go forward we will appoint other directors as well, and if we decide then we need somebody  
different in a longer term that is also possible.

750 Yes, in terms of – sorry, I think it is just a yes, he really is the only person that we could choose  
for this role, and he has been so helpful to us already in helping us to set up the structure already.  
Thank you very much.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Cragoe.

755 Conseiller Locke, I will come to you in one second please. Conseiller Makepeace, again.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** Thank you to Conseiller Cragoe.

760 When Conseiller Cragoe refers to 'we' in the selection process, who does she actually mean  
because I have not been consulted about selecting or choosing Mr – I cannot remember his name  
now, as the candidate? Does she mean her Committee, because the rest of us have not been  
consulted?

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace.

765 Conseiller Cragoe, could you just clarify that, please?

**Conseiller Cragoe:** Yes, the Policy and Finance. The Chief Pleas voted last year to allow the  
Policy and Finance Committee to lead on this, so yes the Policy and Finance Committee is leading  
on it.

770 Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you for that clarification. Thank you.

Conseiller Locke, I think you had your hand up.

**Conseiller Locke:** Thank you, sir.

775 Again, just with my background in regulated utility organisations in England and Wales. In every  
briefing and every presentation that I have been involved with James Lancaster, and there have  
been many opportunities both for Conseillers and for the public to engage with him, he speaks an  
enormous amount of sense, not only in the responsibilities of a utility for a community, but also  
in specific. As Conseiller Cragoe has said, those of us who looked in detail at his presentation of  
780 the upgrade that he led in Alderney between 2022 and 2025, he was presented with systems that  
were as old and as knackered and as unsafe as the ones that we have here, or the SEL operate  
here, and within three years he had fixed them all and brought them all up to a proper standard.

785 So with that, in terms of track record, I cannot think of a better person who is out there who may have run within the purview of the Crown a small-scale electricity generating company on behalf of a small community, and my personal recommendation would be to let's snap him up as soon as we possibly can.

Thank you very much, sir.

790 **The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Locke, for those comments.

Do we have any further comments, observations or debate of P&F before once again we move to a named vote on the Proposition attached to this Report? Any further points, observations, comments or debate? No, I see no hands. Therefore, thank you to that point.

795 Let me therefore read out the Proposition attached to this Agenda Item, which reads: that Chief Pleas directs the Policy and Finance Committee to appoint James Lancaster as the Interim Managing Director of the electricity company. So it is a name voted. Once again, if you are in favour, it is pour. If you are against, it is contre. And if it is no vote, it is no vote. Therefore, Greffier, thank you.

*There was a named vote.*

*Carried – Pour 14, Contre 2, No Vote 0*

<b>POUR</b>	<b>CONTRE</b>	<b>NO VOTE</b>
Conseiller John Guille	Conseiller Frank Makepeace	None
Conseiller Helen Plummer	Conseiller Samuel Keyte	
Conseiller Carol Cragoe		
Conseiller Michael Locke		
Conseiller Natalie Tighe		
Conseiller Christopher Bateson		
Conseiller David Curtis		
Conseiller Edric Baker MBE		
Conseiller James Martin		
Conseiller Patrick Dewe		
Conseiller Nicholas Moloney		
Conseiller Karl Rang		
Conseiller Joseph Perée		
Conseiller Michael Lanyon		

800 **The Speaker:** Thank you for that named vote. It is **carried** 14 votes for and 2 votes against. Thank you. So that proposition is **carried**, the Proposition attached to Agenda Item 3. So that completes the elements regarding the electricity supply in Sark.

**4. Committee Elections –**  
**Development Control Committee: Conseiller M Lanyon elected**  
**Education Committee: Conseiller M Lanyon elected**  
**Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee: Conseiller K Rang elected**  
**Policy and Finance Committee: Conseiller J Perrée elected**  
**Definition of a Resident (Special) Committee: Conseiller N Moloney elected**  
**Future Energy (Special) Committee: Conseiller M Lanyon elected**  
**Taxation Review (Special) Committee: Conseiller N Moloney elected.**

*To elect Conseillers to Committees, as required.*

805 **The Speaker:** We have two further Agenda Items on tonight's agenda, which are essentially Committee elections to elect Conseillers to Committees as required, so to populate Committees.

Once again, I will just remind everyone, you can nominate yourself if you so wish. Once again, if we have more than one nomination, which I hope we do, we will go to a vote, raised hands in favour of the nominees.

810 I must do it alphabetically as per my schedule here. The first Committee that comes to light is the Development Control Committee. We have one vacancy on the Development Control Committee. Do we have any nominations from the Assembly to join the Development Control Committee?

Conseiller Bateson, thank you.

815 **Conseiller Bateson:** On behalf of the Development Control Committee, we would like to nominate Conseiller Lanyon.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Lanyon is nominated by the Committee. Thank you.

820 Do we have any other nominations to join the Development Control Committee? Any other nominations? So therefore we have one nomination, which is Conseiller Lanyon. Therefore I will ask for a show of hands. Those in favour of Conseiller Lanyon to join the Development Control Committee. Thank you. It is a rubber-stamping. Thank you very much indeed. Welcome to the Development Control Committee, Conseiller Lanyon.

825 Next on my list we have the Education Committee and we have one vacancy on the Education Committee. Conseiller Cragoe, do we have any nominations from the Committee?

**Conseiller Cragoe:** Yes, thank you, Mr Speaker.

We would also like to nominate Conseiller Lanyon.

830 **The Speaker:** A popular man. Very good.

835 Do we have any additional nominations to join the Education Committee? Any other nominations? No. There is a sole nominee there, but we will rubber-stamp it once again. A show of hands. Those in favour of Conseiller Lanyon joining the Education Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you very much indeed, that is **carried**. Once again, Conseiller Lanyon, well done for that, joining the Education Committee.

Next up on my schedule, we have the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee. Do we have any nominations initially from the Committee or any other nominations from the floor to join the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee?

Conseiller Martin.

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**Conseiller Martin:** I would like to nominate Karl Rang.

**The Speaker:** Very good. Conseiller Rang is nominated to join the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee.

845 Do we have any other nominations from the floor to join the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee? Any other nominations? I see none. Therefore, let us go to the vote. Those in favour of Conseiller Rang joining the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you. Rubber-stamping. Conseiller Rang, welcome to the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee.

850 Next up we have we have the Policy and Finance Committee. We have one vacancy on the Policy and Finance Committee. Once again, P&F, do you have any nominations from the Committee?

**Conseiller Guille:** Yes, sir, we do. Conseiller Perrée is our nomination.

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**The Speaker:** Conseiller Perrée. Thank you very much indeed.

From the floor do we have any other nomination –Conseiller Makepeace, thank you.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** If he is interested, I would like to propose Conseiller Lanyon.

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**The Speaker:** Conseiller Lanyon as a nominee. Are you willing to accept that?

**Conseiller Lanyon:** Yes, indeed.

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**The Speaker:** You are? Okay. There we are. Okay, so we have two nominees, therefore. Do we have any further nominees to join P&F? Any further nominees? No. So we have two names, Conseiller Perrée and Conseiller Lanyon. Voting one at a time, I am going to ask those in favour of Conseiller Perrée to raise your hands, and keep your hands up. Those in favour of Conseiller Perrée. Okay, thank you for that, you can put your hands down. Unless you want to

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leave the room. Those in favour of Conseiller Lanyon to join the Policy and Finance Committee, please raise your hands. Okay, so that is 2 votes there, so 12 votes in favour of Conseiller Perrée and 2 votes in favour of Conseiller Lanyon. I therefore declare that Conseiller Perrée, welcome to the Policy and Finance Committee. Thank you for that.

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Next up on my schedule we have Special Committees. First up we have Definition of a Resident, a longstanding Committee. We have one vacancy on the Definition of a Resident Committee and I would ask that Committee, do we have any nominations from that Committee to join that Committee?

Conseiller Tighe.

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**Conseiller Tighe:** We would like to nominate Conseiller Moloney, please.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Moloney to join the Definition of a Resident Committee.

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Do we have any other nominations to join that Committee other than Conseiller Moloney? Any other nominations? In which case, let's go to the vote on that. We have just one nomination, Conseiller Moloney. Those in favour of Conseiller Moloney joining the Definition of a Resident Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you. That is **carried**. Welcome to that Committee, Conseiller Moloney.

Next up, we have a vacancy on the Future Energy Committee. Do we have any nominations from the Committee to join the Future Energy Committee. Conseiller Locke, thank you.

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**Conseiller Locke:** Yes, sir, I would like to nominate Conseiller Cragoe, please.

**Conseiller Cragoe:** Conseiller Cragoe is already on it.

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**Conseiller Locke:** Sorry, you are already on the –

**The Speaker:** She can rejoin.

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**Conseiller Locke:** A little bit of confusion here. I would like to nominate, if he would be willing, Conseiller Perrée in that case, please.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Perrée is nominated by the Committee.

Conseiller Makepeace, thank you.

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**Conseiller Makepeace:** I would like to nominate Conseiller Lanyon.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Lanyon. Thank you very much indeed. Do we have any advance on those two names, Conseiller Perrée or Conseiller Lanyon? Any advance?

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Conseiller Perrée: Sorry, could I politely decline?

**The Speaker:** You are politely declining, okay. Conseiller Perrée is politely declining. Better to raise it now than later.

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Okay, so we have a sole nominee, which is Conseiller Lanyon. Do we have any additional nominations? No, okay. So it is Conseiller Lanyon, you are nominated to join the Future Energy – you are happy to join that Committee?

**Conseiller Lanyon:** I am indeed, sir.

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**The Speaker:** You are; very good. Thank you, Conseiller Lanyon. Conseiller Lanyon is nominated. Once again a show of hands in favour of Conseiller Lanyon joining the Future Energy Committee. Thank you. That is **carried**. Conseiller Lanyon, welcome to that Committee.

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Finally on my list, we have a vacancy on the Taxation Review Committee. Taxation Review Committee, would you like to nominate anyone to join that Committee?

Conseiller Tighe.

**Conseiller Tighe:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

We would like to nominate Conseiller Moloney.

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**The Speaker:** Conseiller Moloney. Thank you very much indeed.

I am presuming Conseiller Moloney is happy with that.

**Conseiller Moloney:** Yes, sir.

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**The Speaker:** Okay, thank you. Do we have any advance on Conseiller Moloney?

Yes, Conseiller Makepeace, thank you.

**Conseiller Makepeace:** I would like to nominate Conseiller Lanyon.

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**The Speaker:** Conseiller Lanyon. Very good. Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace.

So we have two nominees. Any third nominee? Any additional nominees beyond Conseiller Moloney and Conseiller Lanyon to join the Taxation Review Committee? So two names. Once again, let's do it in rotation.

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Conseiller Moloney was nominated first. Please raise your hands if you would like Conseiller Moloney to join the Taxation Review Committee. Please raise your hands. Thank you. Put your hands down. Thank you.

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Those in favour of Conseiller Lanyon joining the Taxation Review Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you very much indeed. Thank you. So that is 13 votes in favour of Conseiller Moloney and 3 votes in favour of Conseiller Lanyon. So I declare that Conseiller Moloney has joined the Taxation Review Committee.

Thank you for your nominations and stepping forwards to help the machinery of government, the Committee stage, where everyone works really, really hard in order to get jobs done, to bring them to Chief Pleas. Thank you for that.

**5. Committee and Panel Elections**

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*To elect Non-Chief Pleas Members and Panel Members to Committees and Panels, as required.*

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**The Speaker:** I have one further Agenda Item, which normally gets a bit of a nil-poi, however, I will ask the question. Do any Committees or Panels have any nominations of non-Chief Pleas members to join any Committee or Panels as required? Any nominations, any suggestions? No? Okay. I will ask the same question next week at the Easter meeting. So you might want to think if anyone has got anyone that would perhaps like to be nominated at that point. Thank you for that. That completes Agenda Items 4 and 5.

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I would ask at this point, before I ask the Greffier to close the meeting, please will you return your loan agreement copies to the end of each bench, and if I could ask Rhys to come down and collect those copies please. Thank you all for complying with that requirement. Thank you very much indeed. I really appreciate it. We really appreciate it. There we are. Very good. Thank you, Rhys.

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With that, I will just remind people that next week, next Wednesday, 15th April, at five o'clock, we have the Easter Meeting of Chief Pleas. Agendas have already been distributed and therefore I look forward to seeing everyone back here at five o'clock on Wednesday, 15th April, for the Easter Meeting of Chief Pleas. Thank you for that.

The closing prayer, please, Greffier.

Thank you.

**PRAYER**

*The Greffier*

*Chief Pleas closed at 6.47 p.m.*