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Philip Long  
John Guille  
Christopher Drillot  
William Raymond  
Natalie Craik  
Nichola McHugh

Edric Baker MBE  
Tony Le Lievre  
Frank Makepeace  
Fern Turner  
Paul Williams  
Sandra Williams

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## Extraordinary (Special) Meeting of Chief Pleas

*Chief Pleas met at 7 p.m.*

[THE SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

### PRAYER

*The Greffier*

### ROLL CALL

*The Greffier*

**The Greffier:** There are 13 Conseillers, the Seigneur and the Speaker of Chief Pleas present.

### Apologies received

**The Speaker:** Apologies from Conseillers Couldridge and de Carteret.

### Welcome to new and returning Conseillers

**The Speaker:** I would like to welcome the new Conseillers to Chief Pleas and thank them for  
5 standing in the recent General Election, which, as we know, was uncontested. They are  
Conseiller Baker, returning after a two-year absence and regaining his position as Father of the  
House. A short-lived time, Conseiller. (**Conseiller Paul Williams:** I try.) (*Laughter*) You try.  
(*Laughter*)

10 Conseiller Makepeace, welcome back. Conseiller Turner, who is going to seat having been  
unsuccessful in the 2018 general election, and finally Conseillers Paul and Sandra Williams, who I  
also welcome back to Chief Pleas.

**Conseiller Le Lievre:** Did you forget me then?

15 **The Speaker:** You are forgotten. (*Laughter*)

**Conseiller Le Lievre:** Story of my life.

20 **The Speaker:** My apologies. Yours is a 10-year absence, I believe.

**Conseiller Le Lievre:** Yes, 12 I think, isn't it?

**The Speaker:** It was a 10-year absence. Yes, welcome to you as well. That was not deliberate.  
I have actually got you written down, I obviously skipped a line.

25 I will speak on the deaths of Mr Dick Adams and Sir David Barclay and hold a silence at the  
Christmas Meeting next week.

**Procedural –  
Electronic devices**

**The Speaker:** In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, I would remind all present that mobile phones, cameras, recording devices and other electronic equipment is switched off now, unless for those allowed to Chief Pleas members in accordance with Rule 18.

## Business of the Day

**1. Committee Elections etc. –  
Policy and Finance Committee Report considered –  
Chairman of Policy and Finance Committee and other Committee members elected**

*To consider a Report from the Policy and Finance Committee entitled ‘Committee Elections etc.’ and to elect the Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee and Conseillers to Committees of Chief Pleas.*

30 **The Speaker:** We only have one Agenda Item, and that is to consider a Report from the Policy and Finance Committee and to elect Conseillers to the Committees of Chief Pleas.

I would like to thank Members for returning their nominations to me, self-nominations, as I requested, and you will have received from me by e-mail a consolidated list of Members self-nomination to Committees, which I hope you will find useful in your voting for Committee elections/membership. Whether you have put in for a Committee or not, you may not get a Committee of your choice, and there are some Committees which, at the moment, have no nominations. So there is room for you to nominate yourself on the floor for more Committees than you have applied for in advance.

40 Before we move into the election process for the Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee, does any Member wish to raise any comments or questions on the P&F report? No?

**Policy and Finance Committee –  
Conseiller Guille elected as Chairman; Conseiller Craik elected as member**

45 **The Speaker:** In that case we will move on to the election of the Chairman of Policy and Finance. You will know that only one nomination came in to the Greffier, the Returning Officer, and that was for Conseiller John Guille who was proposed by Conseiller de Carteret and seconded by Conseiller Plummer. As you are informed by the Greffier, there is no requirement to conduct a secret ballot; therefore I declare Conseiller John Guille duly elected as Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee. Congratulations.

We will now turn to the Committee elections. I will take them in the order that they were listed on the P&F Report. We will conduct voting for each Committee in turn, and at the end of the voting I will announce the members elected to each Committee for the record.

50 On P&F there is one vacancy and at the moment I have three applications: Conseillers Craik, Baker and Turner. Are there any other nominations on the floor? If there are, put your hand up please. Conseiller Baker.

**Conseiller Baker MBE:** Yes sir, I would like to remove myself from that list.

55 **The Speaker:** Fine, thank you.

**Conseiller Baker MBE:** Thank you very much.

60 **The Speaker:** Anybody else wish to go on? No. Then we have one vacancy with two  
Conseillers; Conseiller Craik and Conseiller Turner. When I ask for you to vote, I will ask for those  
in favour of Conseiller Craik, and then I will ask for those in favour of Conseiller Turner.

*Voting took place.*

**The Speaker:** There were 11 votes for Conseiller Craik, 2 for Conseiller Turner, therefore I  
declare that Conseiller Craik is duly elected to the Policy and Finance Committee.

**Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee –  
Conseillers Turner and Baker elected as members**

65 **The Speaker:** The next Committee is Agriculture. There are two vacancies; there is only one  
application for that, Conseiller Turner. Can I have some other nominations please? Conseiller  
Baker. Anybody else? No. Well we have two vacancies, two nominations, Conseillers Turner and  
Baker. Therefore, I declare Conseillers Turner and Baker duly elected to the Agriculture  
Committee.

70 Agriculture, Environment & Sea Fisheries, I think. Yes. You would like to say something,  
Conseiller Plummer.

**Conseiller Plummer:** Yes I would. Thank you very much.

75 On behalf of the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee, I received the  
resignation of Mr Richard Dewe as co-opted member of that said Committee. While Richard was  
Deputy, then Conseiller of Chief Pleas, he sat on the Committee for a number of years and I  
would like to thank him for his work and knowledge that he gave over that time.

80 Also, I would like to thank Chris Nightingale and Tony Ventress for the years of work on that  
said Committee. Chris has taught us so much over the years, advice and patience was always on  
hand, and I know John Robinson was grateful as we were with the input at the new abattoir. I  
hope that we can call on Chris when we need advice, and I would like to thank them both.

**Development Control Committee –  
Conseillers Baker and Paul Williams elected as members**

85 **The Speaker:** We now come to the Development Control election, where there are two  
vacancies and at the moment. I have nominations from Conseillers McHugh, Craik, Baker,  
Turner, Paul Williams and Le Lievre. Does anybody wish to remove themselves from that list?  
Conseiller Craik?

**Conseiller Craik:** Could I please remove myself from that list?

**The Speaker:** Yes, thank you. Are there any other nominations? Conseiller Makepeace?

90 **Conseiller Makepeace:** Yes I would like to nominate myself, please.

**The Speaker:** Yes, Conseiller Makepeace.

**Conseiller McHugh:** You can take me off the list as well, please.

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**The Speaker:** Sure. Conseiller McHugh off Development Control. Yes, okay. So that leaves us with Conseillers Baker, Turner, P Williams, Le Lievre and Makepeace.

**Conseiller Turner:** Sir, can I withdraw as well, please?

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**The Speaker:** Yes. Alright, we are whittling it down. *(Laughter)* Right, so we are now left with Conseillers Baker, Williams, Le Lievre, and Makepeace. So four people for two vacancies. When I call each name in turn, please put your hand up for the person whose name I call. Only vote twice, please. Do not vote more than twice.

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So decide which of the four candidates you are going to support, and when I call their name please put your hand up.

**Conseiller Paul Williams:** Can you vote for yourself?

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**The Speaker:** You can, yes. Definitely. It might be the only vote you get. *(Laughter)*

*Voting took place.*

**The Speaker:** Alright, the number of votes were: Conseiller Baker, 9; Conseiller Paul Williams, 8; Conseiller Le Lievre, 6; Conseiller Makepeace, 2. Therefore I declare that Conseillers Baker and Paul Williams are duly elected to the Development Control Committee.

#### **Douzaine –**

#### **Conseillers Paul Williams, Le Lievre, Makepeace and Turner elected as members**

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**The Speaker:** We now come to the Douzaine, where there are four vacancies, and at the moment I only have nominations from Conseillers Paul Williams and Le Lievre. Are there any other nominations for the Douzaine? Thank you, Conseiller Makepeace. **(Conseiller Makepeace:** Yes). We are not going to leave here until all the vacancies are filled so I need another nomination.

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**Conseiller Sandra Williams:** We might be here a long time now.

**Conseiller McHugh:** Can I nominate Fern Turner?

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**The Speaker:** You can nominate somebody, but that person has to acquiesce. You cannot put somebody in for it if they do not want to do it.

Conseiller Turner, you have agreed to go onto the Committee. Conseiller Sandra Williams.

**Conseiller Sandra Williams:** Could I ask Conseiller Edric Baker if he would consider going onto –?

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**Conseiller Baker MBE:** No, no. I do not wish to.

**Conseiller Sandra Williams:** Okay.

135 **Conseiller Baker MBE:** Thank you. Too many years. *(Laughter)*

**The Speaker:** Okay, so we have four vacancies on the Douzaine. We have four nominations. Conseillers Paul Williams, Le Lievre, Makepeace and Turner who are duly elected to the Douzaine.

**Education Committee –  
Conseillers McHugh, Sandra Williams and Makepeace elected as members**

140 **The Speaker:** Our next one is a difficult one in that we have Education where there are three vacancies and we currently have no nominations. We need three names to go forward. You want to go down, Conseiller McHugh. Conseiller Sandra Williams. And Conseiller Makepeace?

**Conseiller Makepeace:** Yes sir.

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**The Speaker:** Anybody else? No. We have three vacancies, three nominations. I declare Conseillers McHugh, Sandra Williams and Makepeace duly elected.

**Harbours and Shipping (includes Pilotage) Committee –  
Conseillers Drillot and Sandra Williams elected as members**

**The Speaker:** Harbours Committee. We have two vacancies and the nominations currently are Couldridge, Craik, Baker, Turner, Drillot, Le Lievre and Sandra Williams. Anybody wishing to remove themselves from that?

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**Conseiller Turner:** Yes please.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Turner to come off.

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**Conseiller Baker MBE:** Yes sir.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Baker to come off. That leaves Conseillers Couldridge, Craik, Drillot, Le Lievre and Sandra Williams on. Right, anybody else wishing to go on? No.

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Same deal: we have two vacancies, only vote for two of the candidates, and I will call them out in turn.

*Voting took place.*

**The Speaker:** Voting was: Conseillers Couldridge 1, Craig 5, Drillot 9, Le Lievre 5, Williams 6. Therefore, I declare that Conseillers Drillot and Sandra Williams are elected to the Harbours and Pilotage Committee.



**Medical and Emergency Services Committee –  
Conseiller Sandra Williams elected as member**

165 **The Speaker:** The next Committee is Medical, and that has one vacancy and there is currently one nomination for Conseiller Sandra Williams. Anybody else wish to put themselves forward for an election to the Medical Committee? No. Therefore I declare that Conseiller Sandra Williams is elected to the Medical Committee.

**Tourism (including Public Health) Committee –  
Conseillers Craik, Paul Williams and Sandra Williams elected as members**

170 **The Speaker:** For the Tourism Committee there are two vacancies, and there are five nominations. They are Conseillers McHugh, Craik, Baker, Paul and Sandra Williams. Does anybody wish to take themselves off? Conseiller McHugh off.

**Conseiller Baker MBE:** I think you said two vacancies but there are three on the paperwork.

175 **The Speaker:** Are there three on the paperwork? (*Interjections*)  
Yes, three vacancies. So, okay. Thank you for that correction. So we have four; is anybody else wishing to go on? No. So we have three vacancies for Tourism, four nominations. We will do the same process.

*Voting took place.*

180 **The Speaker:** Right, the voting was Conseiller Craik 10, Conseiller Baker 4, Conseiller Paul Williams 6, Conseiller Sandra Williams 12. Therefore I declare that Conseillers Sandra Williams, Craik and Paul Williams are duly elected to Tourism.

**Development Control Law Special Committee –  
Conseillers Turner and Sandra Williams elected as members**

185 **The Speaker:** We now move on to the Special Committees. For the Development Control Law Special Committee, there are two vacancies and one nomination, Conseiller Turner. Some more nominations please? (**Conseiller Makepeace:** Yes sir). Conseiller Makepeace. Conseiller Sandra Williams. Anybody else? No. We have three applicants, Turner, Makepeace and Sandra Williams. So we will go for the vote.

*Voting took place.*

**The Speaker:** The voting was: Conseiller Turner 11, Conseiller Makepeace 2, Conseiller Sandra Williams 11. Therefore I declare Conseillers Turner and Sandra Williams elected to the Development Control Law Special Committee.

**Future Energy Special Committee –  
Conseiller McHugh elected as member**

190 **The Speaker:** Future Energy. There is one vacancy, I have one nomination for Conseiller McHugh. Would anybody else like to go on? (**Conseiller Makepeace:** Yes, sir.) Yes, Conseiller Makepeace. (**Conseiller Makepeace:** Thank you) Anybody else?

*Voting took place.*

**The Speaker:** Voting was Conseiller McHugh 11, Conseiller Makepeace 2. I declare Conseiller McHugh elected to the Future Energy Committee.

**Land Reform Special Committee –  
Conseiller Craik elected as member**

195 **The Speaker:** Land Reform. One vacancy, Conseiller Craik and Le Lievre have both put in for this one. Is anybody else wishing to ...? Conseiller Turner. Anybody else? No. Well we have three nominations for one vacancy.

*Voting took place.*

**The Speaker:** Voting was: Conseiller Craik 7, Conseiller Le Lievre 5, Conseiller Turner 1. Therefore, I declare that Conseiller Craik is elected to the Land Reform Special Committee.

**Protection of Vulnerable Adults Special Committee –  
Conseillers Paul Williams and Craik elected as members**

200 **The Speaker:** Two other Committees which have received no nominations are the Protection for Vulnerable Adults and there are two vacancies; and the Top Level Domain, where there are three vacancies. Could I have some nominations, please, to go on the Protection for Vulnerable Adults?

205 **Conseiller Sandra Williams:** Could I just ask if you know, sir: I cannot remember whether I was on that Committee or not before because we would meet so often. Do you have a record of who was on the Committee before tonight? Anybody? I was on it? Right. So I know. (*Laughter*)

**Conseiller Paul Williams:** I was on that one as well.

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**The Speaker:** He was on that one as well. I need two volunteers, two nominations. P and S Williams. Nobody else? Well, yes, well done. Conseiller Craik. So, we have three names for two vacancies. Conseiller Paul Williams –

215 **Conseiller Sandra Williams:** Sorry sir, if there are three people going for the two seats, I am quite happy to withdraw.

**The Speaker:** In that case I will withdraw you. Right, as you have withdrawn from (**Conseiller Sandra Williams:** Sorry.) the Protection of Vulnerable Adults, that leaves Conseiller Paul Williams

220 and Conseiller Craik, therefore I declare Conseiller Paul Williams and Conseiller Craik duly  
elected to the Vulnerable Adults Special Committee.

**Top Level Domain Special Committee –  
Conseillers Makepeace and Le Lievre elected as members**

225 **The Speaker:** And finally, the Top Level Domain. This has three vacancies, and at the moment  
no nominations. Conseiller Makepeace. This Committee is going to get busy very soon, so I do  
need two more names please. Conseiller Le Lievre. Come on then. Starter for 10. You can always  
resign later (Laughter) when we get our three new Members at the further election. Arm-  
twisting? No, okay. That will leave a vacancy on the Top Level Domain and I would urge the ...  
well let me finish the election first.

230 There are two nominations, Conseillers Makepeace and Le Lievre, and as there are only two I  
declare both Conseillers to be elected to the Top Level Domain Committee. I think you two need  
to go around and twist some arms and possibly wait until we have had the election in February  
and hopefully we will get some more candidates coming forward in that election in February, or  
is it March? Beginning of March.

**Procedural**

235 **The Speaker:** Right, that concludes the elections to Committees. Thank you all very much. All  
Committees are requested to meet between now and 20th January which is next Wednesday to  
elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman where that is necessary, and those appointments should be  
e-mailed to me and the Chief Secretary by 3 p.m. on 19th January so that the Committee List can  
be made ready prior to the Christmas Meeting on 20th January. Whether you have a physical  
meeting or telephone is entirely up to you, I just need to know who the Chairman and Deputy  
Chairman are of each Committee. We will, of course, at our next meeting, whenever that is –  
240 and I am expecting it probably in the next six weeks – we will then have an election for the  
Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Finance Committee. Thank you all very much.  
Greffier.

**PRAYER**

*The Greffier*

*Chief Pleas closed at 7.30 p.m.*