



The Government of Sark

POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Summary of Meeting held on Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

Conseillers: Natalie Tighe (NT) – CHAIR, Jimmy Martin (JM)- DEPUTY CHAIR, John Guille (JG) Mike Locke (ML), Carol Cragoe (CC), Dave Curtis (DC), Frank Makepeace (FM), Edric Baker (EB), Mary Nicolle (MN),

Civil Service: William Spooner (WS) SOO, Ali Bateson (AB)

PDG125.25 Apologies

Andrew Miller(AM), Helen Plummer (HP), Sam Keyte(SK), Nick Moloney (NM), Jolie Rose (JR)

PDG126.25 Approval of minutes of 09/09/2025

The minutes were approved and signed as correct.

PDG127.25 Scrutiny Management Committee

The Speaker was allowing a motion to Christmas Chief Pleas for the immediate compliance with the January 2019 resolution of Chief Pleas establishing a Scrutiny Committee. Some Conseillers felt that the 2019 version needed amending. It was noted that the attempt to populate the 2019 Scrutiny Committee had failed, partly due to the fact that Chairs and Deputy Chairs had not been allowed to sit on it. This had been changed in 2020 to allow Deputy Chairs to be on the Scrutiny Committee but still no-one had wanted to be on it. It was reported that the minutes from a PDG meeting at the time show that P&F were asked to work out a better alternative. It was suggested that there could be another attempt to populate the 2019 version of the Scrutiny Committee at Christmas Chief Pleas as, until another proposal was approved by Chief Pleas, the 2019 resolution was still in force. It was pointed out that one of the issues with the 2019 version was that the Scrutiny Panel could appoint people to do the scrutiny, or could choose to do it themselves as long as the president didn't. The new proposition would allow the Scrutiny Management committee to create a pool of people who the scrutineers would be selected from for each project. It would also stipulate that it was Standing Committee of Chief Pleas and include Terms of Reference for both the pool and the panel. It would also say that the Committee would be in place for 2 years after which there would be a review and any changes necessary would be made and that reports from the Scrutiny Panel would have to be

taken to Chief Pleas unchanged. There was discussion on the make up of the pool. Suggestions were a long-term Sark resident, a former Conseiller who had served at least one full term and off-island people with relevant experience including possibly a former Guernsey Deputy. It was felt that the criteria should be kept broad. There was a discussion around support and outcomes.

The majority of the Conseillers present were in favour of taking a new proposition to Christmas Chief Pleas.