



The Government of Sark

POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Summary of Meeting held on Mon 24th November 2025 at 5pm in the Board Room

Present:

Conseillers: Natalie Tighe (NT) – CHAIR, Jimmy Martin (JM)- DEPUTY CHAIR, Helen Plummer (HP), Mike Locke (ML), Carol Cragoe (CC), Dave Curtis (DC), Frank Makepeace (FM), Karl Rang (KR), Edric Baker (EB), Mary Nicolle (MN), Sam Keyte(SK), Nick Moloney (NM), Chris Bateson (CB).

Civil Service: William Spooner (WS) SOO, Jenni Robinson (JLR)

PDG108.25 Apologies

Andrew Miller(AM), John Guille (JG)

PDG109.25 Approval of minutes of 09/09/2025

The minutes were approved and signed as correct.

PDG110.25 Cross Committee Communication & Transparency

There is an upcoming newsletter with submissions due by early next week. The Douzaine provided updates on

- La Coupee
- Branchage
- Public works
- Rubbish and recycling

The Podcast/Radio project was waiting for the new Dairy Farmers to arrive.

The Agriculture, Environment & Sea Fisheries have been working with SocSercq on a Marine Habitat map. They intend to bring a report to Christmas Chief Pleas. Blue Marine visited in October to provide a presentation and collect public feedback. The feedback from the public had been positive. Most of the elements of a MPA were already in place. It could be viewed as an asset similar to Dark Sky Island Status.

PDG111.25 New legislation

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PDG112.25 Petition to Chief Pleas requesting public consultation – Seigneurs Stipend.

There had been a petition with 74 signatures received in February. At the PDG in September it was agreed that a public consultation would take place. It was agreed the residents draft questionnaire provided was not suitable. The Stipend had been created in absence of the Treizième, there was a mention funding of civic responsibilities in The Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007.

There was a discussion regarding the outcomes of any public consultation and the draft consultation documentation.

PDG113.25 SEL/loan facility update/proposed Bailiwick Commission

The Price Control Commissioner was due to appear in Court in Guernsey over the most recent price order.

PDG114.25 HE letter reference economic development

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PDG115.25 Regular Teams updates with the MOJ

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PDG116.25 Propositions passing in the House but falling by the wayside

This item was discussed in conjunction with item PDG117.25.

PDG117.25 Scrutiny Management Committee

It had been agreed at Christmas Chief Pleas 16th January 2019 to establish a Scrutiny Management Committee. The criteria for being on the Committee limited the number of Conseillers eligible. CPA resources regarding existing scrutiny functions in similar jurisdictions were considered. The informal working group Governance has been looking into scrutiny in other jurisdictions.

Various points were raised during this discussion

- External options
- Improving existing audits
- Cross committee options
- Questions in the house
- Financial scrutiny
- Concerns as to who would be responsible
- Taxes increasing would lead to increased scrutiny from public

The agreed proposition and appendix were returned to. The Scrutiny Management Committees function was described as to appoint scrutiny panels. To submit an annual report to Chief Pleas

based on the previous 12 month period. Retrospective investigation was deemed to time consuming. The eligibility criteria could prevent the Committee from being populated.

PDG118.25 Publication of individual bios on the CP website

The Bios would be created for the website. Photos would be arranged for Christmas Chief Pleas 21st January 2026.

PDG119.25 Virtual attendance to be addressed within the Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas document.

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PDG120.25 The Sark Derelict and Vacant Property Law

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PDG121.25 Island Plan

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PDG122.25 Twinning

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PDG123.25 Introduction & Scoring of Potential

- Population of working groups pending the approval of the remit at the Michaelmas Chief Pleas
 - Domestic Abuse Legislation
 - Governance Group
 - Sark Experience Group
 - Housing Group
 - Island Connectivity Group
 - Revenue Generation Group

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PDG124.25 Next meeting date, TBC.

The next meeting date had not yet been set.