



Government of Sark

Policy & Finance Committee Future Energy Committee

Committees of the Chief Pleas of Sark

Public Statement: Request for a loan facility to purchase Sark Electricity Limited and carry out urgent remedial and safety works

Securing the supply of energy on Sark is critical for Sark's community. It is essential for Sark's viability, to sustain the existing population and for future economic development. The generation and supply of electricity in Sark has been a long-term issue, and the difficulties surrounding it have consumed significant resources.

If approved by the States of Deliberation, a £1.5 million loan facility could support the Chief Pleas of Sark in efforts to have greater control over the generation, supply and safety of electricity on Sark.

The proposed conditions for the loan facility from Guernsey were considered by the Policy & Finance Committee before the formal request for a loan facility of £1.5 million was sent to Guernsey's Policy & Resources Committee. This request is supported by the majority of the Policy & Finance Committee (5:1) and also supported unanimously by the Future Energy Committee.

Should the proposals be approved by the States of Deliberation, the proposals will then be brought by the Policy & Finance Committee and the Future Energy Committee to the Chief Pleas of Sark for debate and decision.

Conseiller Natalie Tighe, Deputy Chair of the Policy & Finance Committee said:

“Ensuring a safe, secure and reliable electricity supply remains one of the most pressing challenges for Sark and has been a long-standing focus of the Policy & Finance Committee, as directed by Chief Pleas. The Committee agreed that a loan facility should be requested from the States of Guernsey and that this represents a constructive step toward placing the electricity supply under local control, with the

intention of ensuring it better serves the needs and long-term interests of our community. The conditions for the loan were considered by the Committee before the formal request was sent to Guernsey.”

Conseiller Mike Locke, Chair of the Future Energy Committee said:

“The provision of safe and reliable energy provision on Sark is critical for our community; taking into local control the supply and distribution of energy is key for Sark’s prosperity. The request for a loan facility from the States of Guernsey is supported by the Future Energy Committee. I have received nothing but enthusiastic support from the public for the project.”

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