

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

**Present:**

John Guille (JG) – Chairman  
Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair  
Edric Baker (EB)  
Carol Cragoe (CC)  
Andrew Miller (AM)  
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer  
William Spooner (WS) – SOO  
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

**By Invitation:**

Dr Louise Magris, Director for Housing Environment and Placemaking in Jersey's Cabinet Office

**PF132.25 Apologies:**

Jolie Rose (JR)  
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer

**Non-Agenda Item Meeting with Dr Louise Magris about the Island Plan**

Dr. Magris explained to the Committee about 'Future Jersey' which guided Jersey's strategic visioning and planning. Public consultation allowed the community to decide for themselves what the priorities were and gave politicians goals to focus on and work towards. The Island Plan Scope, Terms of Reference and Invitation to Tender documents had been drafted. The Committee would review the documents and discuss the Island Plan further at the next meeting.

**Dr. Magris left the meeting at 5.45pm**

**PF136.25 Office matters**

**a) Clerk to the Board of Governors**

The Committee agreed that the Board of Governors should be independent from the Education Committee so the Committee's CSO could not be the Clerk. This would be discussed by the Board at their next meeting.

**b) Role of Committee Chairs**

The Committee considered a draft 'Role of Committee Chairs' document which would help Committee Chairs understand what their roles and responsibilities were.

**PF137.25      Items deferred from 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**a)      Digimap**

The Committee discussed charges for site surveys using Digimap.

**b)      GFSC 2026 Fee Consultation Paper**

Every year, the Guernsey Financial Services Commission asked for comments on their fees for the following year. The Committee noted that the fees for 2026 had increased by RPI.

**PF138.25      New items**

**a) Bailiwick Council – feedback from meeting**

GST had been discussed at the recent Bailiwick Council meeting and members of the Guernsey Treasury would meet with P&F in due course to discuss GST with them.

**b)      Bailiwick Commissioners and draft Terms of Reference**

The Committee would review the Terms of Reference and discuss at the next meeting.

**c)      IOSS NED procedure**

The Committee discussed the recruitment procedure of the new IOSS NEDs.

**d)      By-election follow-up**

It was agreed to defer this until the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**e)      Proposed amendment to the Bailiwick's Human Rights Legislation**

In Spring 2026 the UK was introducing legislation to amend its Human Rights Act as there was an omission in the Act that made it non-compliant with the European Convention of Human Rights. The amendment would allow someone to claim for compensation in the case of 'judicial actions done in good faith'. This would mean that if a judge made an error, but had acted in good faith, the person affected would be able to claim compensation. The Bailiwick would also be amending their legislation and P&F had been asked for comments. The Committee agreed that it supported the amendment to the legislation.

**f)      Deprivation of Citizenship Orders (Effect during Appeal) Bill – application of Section 63A of the Reform (Sark) Law, 2008**

In the UK the Home Secretary could remove a person's citizenship. There was currently a bill going through Parliament that clarified that a person could not be given back their

citizenship while they were appealing against the Home Secretary's decision. It would only be given back if the appeal was successful. The Committee noted that the Home Secretary could only remove British citizenship from someone in the Bailiwick with H.E.'s permission. Guernsey's Policy & Resources's Committee had decided not to take the legislation to the States as they considered it to be a matter for the UK. P&F agreed that it was a matter for the UK and therefore the legislation did not need to be taken to Chief Pleas.

**g) Reply to H.E.**

H.E. was due to come to Sark later in the week and this would be discussed in person then.

**h) Island Games**

The Committee and the Sark Sports Club were considering making a contribution to Sark's subscription to the Island Games.

**PF139.25 AOB**

**a) Budget 2026**

The Committee agreed it was happy with the final 2026 budget SH had prepared.

**b) Conseillers' Surgery**

The budget-focused Conseillers' Surgery on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November would be attended by Committee Chairs as well as members of P&F.

**c) Brittany Summit in St Malo**

The Brittany Summit in St Malo had been very positive and there had been a big focus on the importance of connectivity with France and the Islands.

**d) Code of Conduct**

The Office would check on the progress of Royal Assent for the Code of Conduct legislation.

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