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**OF THE**

**EXTRAORDINARY**  
**(SPECIAL) MEETING**  
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**ISLAND OF SARK**

**HANSARD**

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## Extraordinary (Special) Meeting of Chief Pleas

*Chief Pleas met at 5 p.m.*

[THE SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

### PRAYER

*The Greffier*

### ROLL CALL

*The Greffier*

**The Greffier:** There are 17 Conseillers, the Seigneur and the Speaker of Chief Pleas present.

### Lieutenant-Governor absent

**The Speaker:** Good afternoon, and welcome to this Extraordinary (Special) Meeting of Chief Pleas, primarily to repopulate the Committees of Chief Pleas.

5 I would like to say that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor cannot be with us this evening, although he will be joining us on Wednesday for the Christmas Meeting. So His Excellency will join us on Wednesday.

### No apologies received

**The Speaker:** We have no apologies for absence. This is a full set of Conseillers who have been sworn in. I will explain in one second.

### Welcome to new and returning Conseillers

10 **The Speaker:** I would like to make a brief statement, and it is a very happy statement. We were delighted to have the first contested General Election for six years on 11th December 2024 and I would therefore like to welcome the Conseillers who were successfully elected or, in two cases, re-elected to Chief Pleas at the General Election, and who took their oaths of office as Conseillers last Thursday, 16th January 2025.

15 And therefore, in particular, I would like to welcome Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Tighe. I would like to welcome back Conseiller Bateson. I would like to welcome Conseiller Curtis. I would like to welcome back Conseiller Baker. I would like to welcome Conseiller Nicolle. I would like to welcome Conseiller Martin. And I would also like to welcome Conseiller Lord.

Welcome to all of you.

**Swearing in of Conseiller Makepeace**

20       **The Speaker:** I know you will be asking about Conseiller-elect Makepeace. He is currently off Island and was not able to take the oath of office last Thursday, 16th January. However, the Seneschal has arranged for a special court to be held after he returns to Sark on 21st February. That has already been arranged. But currently Conseiller Makepeace is a Conseiller-elect and not a fully-fledged Conseiller.

**Valedictories for Conseillers P Williams, S Williams,  
T Le Lievre, K Delaney and P Donovan**

25       **The Speaker:** I would also, at this point, like to take a moment to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the five former Conseillers who were unsuccessful at the General Election or who chose not to re-stand for election at the General Election. And, combinedly, I would like to thank them for over 60 years of combined voluntary service to Chief Pleas and the exemplary example that they set in undertaking their civic duties.

30       This was under often difficult and challenging circumstances, especially following our recovery from the pandemic, and I thank them for their ongoing dedication and commitment shown to our community. I would like to offer the following valedictory thanks, in order of the years of service that the five Members contributed to Chief Pleas.

35       I will refer to them by their full names, obviously they are no longer Conseillers, but I would like to start with Paul Williams. Paul Williams served Chief Pleas for over 32 years unbroken. He was originally elected as a Deputy in the pre-2008 Assembly and as a Conseiller since December 2008.

40       During his long career in Chief Pleas, Paul served on numerous Committees, including the Douzaine; Tourism; the Protection of Vulnerable Adults; Development Control; Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries; Firearms; Public Health; and Road Traffic. I am sure you agree that is an amazing contribution. He will be remembered for his hands-on, proactive approach and his extensive knowledge and experience in many different areas of Island life.

45       Next, I would like to pay thanks to Sandra Williams, who was a dedicated and hardworking Member of Chief Pleas for 20 years, initially, again, as a Deputy and subsequently as a Conseiller since December 2008.

50       Sandra served on many Committees, including as Chair of Tourism; Chair of the PDG; Chair of Medical and Emergency Services; and the following Committees. The Douzaine; Education; Harbours and Shipping; Medical and Emergency Services; Tourism I already mentioned; DCC Law; Child Protection; Development Control; Shipping, Harbours and Pilotage; Finance and Commerce; and Public Health. I am sure you will agree that is an amazing list of commitment and her dedication to Chief Pleas was unwavering and should be a model of commitment for future Conseillers.

55       Tony Le Lievre served as a Deputy for three years prior to 2008, and returned to Chief Pleas in 2021. He served diligently on various Committees, including the Douzaine; Shipping; Future Energy; and Online Identity. Tony will be remembered for his knowledgeable, no-nonsense approach to many aspects of Chief Pleas and his unwavering service and commitment to our community.

60       Kevin Delaney served as a Conseiller since 2021, and he chose not to re-stand at the General Election. Kevin will be remembered for significant contributions to Chief Pleas, particularly as Chair of the Taxation Review (Special) Committee and the Definition of a Resident Committee. He was never afraid to speak his mind, and he often presented diverse and thought-provoking perspectives to debates and his Committee work.

Finally, Pippa Donovan served as a Conseiller since 2021, and she chose not to re-stand at the 2024 General Election. Consequently, she has stood down as the Deputy Chair of Policy and Finance. Pippa also served on the Tourism, Land Reform and Development Control Committees, where she made valuable contributions to all of those Committees. Pippa was an important voice in various Chief Pleas debates and many, often unseen, aspects of her Committee work. So they are the five Conseillers who are no longer in the Assembly.

### **Tribute to non-Chief Pleas members**

**The Speaker:** In addition to these five Conseillers, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the valuable work that non-Chief Pleas Committee members and co-opted members undertake on behalf of Chief Pleas in Committees. Together, they contribute, discreetly, but significantly, as critical friends of the Island's democratic process and supporting our drive towards continuous improvement. I would like to take a moment to thank all of those people.

### **Policy Development Group – Statement by the Speaker**

**The Speaker:** I make one further statement at the beginning of the Meeting, which I will reiterate towards the end of the Meeting. As you are aware, the Policy Development Group (PDG) is not a Committee of Chief Pleas. It is a group. There has been a request from several Conseillers to convene a meeting of the PDG this afternoon, immediately after this Meeting, for the sole purpose of electing a Chair and Deputy Chair.

Once again, the Speaker takes no part in this process. However, I am pleased to encourage for this to happen and therefore I would invite all Conseillers to remain behind immediately after the Greffier has closed this Meeting in order to have that inaugural PDG meeting in here, whereby you can elect a Chair and a Deputy Chair.

### **Procedural – Electronic devices**

**The Speaker:** At this point, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, I would remind all present that mobile phones, cameras, recording devices and other electronic equipment must be switched off now, less for those allowed to Chief Pleas Members in accordance with Rule of Procedure 19(2). They are my opening comments. Thank you for listening to those.

## Business of the Day

### **1. Committee Elections etc – Policy and Finance Committee Report considered – Conseiller N Tighe elected**

*To consider an Information Report from the Police and Finance Committee entitled ‘Committee Elections etc’.*

**The Speaker:** Without further ado, we will move on with Agenda Item 1, which is effectively to consider an information Report, which you all have, from the Policy and Finance Committee, entitled ‘Committee Elections, etc’.

90 To begin this, I would like to say that we have received one nomination for the position of Deputy Chair of Policy and Finance. Therefore, there will be no secret ballot. There is no need for a secret ballot; we have one nomination. And therefore I would ask, please, for a show of hands to approve the nomination of Conseiller Tighe as the Deputy Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee. Conseiller Tighe has been nominated by Conseiller Guille and Conseiller Plummer.  
95 Those who would like to approve Conseiller Tighe, please raise your hands. Thank you. That is **carried** unanimously. Welcome, Conseiller Tighe, as the Deputy Chair of Policy and Finance.

That really completes Agenda Item 1. There are notes in the information Report that you have in front of you. I would ask you to refer to those notes throughout the next few moments if needs be. But once again, with the emails that I have distributed in the last few days, you will be aware  
100 of the process that we are now going to go through to repopulate the Committees of Chief Pleas.

### **2. Committee Elections – Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee: Conseillers D Curtis and C Cragoe elected – Development Control Committee: Conseillers E Baker MBE, C Bateson, A Miller and M Nicolle elected – Douzaine: Conseillers C Bateson, D Curtis, M Nicolle, M Locke and C Cragoe elected – Education Committee: Conseiller M Nicolle elected – Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee: Conseiller J Martin elected – Medical and Emergency Services Committee: Conseillers J Martin and S Lord elected – Tourism Committee: Conseillers N Tighe, J Rose and M Nicolle elected – Definition of a Resident (Special) Committee: Conseillers M Locke and N Tighe elected – Future Energy (Special) Committee: Conseiller M Locke elected – Online Identity (Special) Committee: Conseillers M Locke and S Lord elected – Taxation Review (Special) Committee: Conseiller N Tighe elected**

*To elect Conseillers to Committees, as required.*

**The Speaker:** Which brings us, therefore, to Agenda Item 2, and I would therefore like to work through, Committee by Committee, alphabetically, in order to repopulate the Committees. This might seem like a slow and deliberate process, and you will be quite right. It is very important that we get this right and that it is clear for all concerned. And I would just remind you, for the sake of  
105 the minutes, as I have done in various emails, all nominations will be taken from the floor. We do not require those nominations to be seconded. Voting for each vacancy will be undertaken one

by one and by a show of hands. The result for each vacancy will not be declared until the result is clear.

110 For the avoidance of doubt, and with all elections, Conseillers will only be able to cast the number of votes that there are vacancies on each Committee. For example, if we have five nominations for four vacancies on a Committee, each Conseiller will only be allowed to cast four votes. It is vital that this process is undertaken, as I said, carefully, slowly and precisely.

115 Once again, if you wish to nominate yourselves, then you can. Initially, I am going to be asking the Chairs of the individual Committees to give their nominations, and then I will be opening it up to individual Members who would like to nominate themselves beyond the Committees. So that is the process that we are going to go through. As I said, it will be slow and deliberate in order that we all understand.

120 When it comes to a show of hands, I would ask you, please, to make sure that you reach for the sky and make sure that we can clearly see the show of hands, because we – the royal ‘we’ – will be counting those hands. Please do not hide behind somebody else, because we might not be able to see your vote, which is critically important.

125 So that is a little bit of housekeeping as to how we are going to proceed with this, and therefore let’s start with the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee. I would just remind people that currently on that Committee, we have Conseiller Plummer and Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard. There are therefore two vacancies on the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee. And I would like to ask the Chair, Conseiller Plummer, for the nominations from the Committee.

Conseiller Plummer; thank you.

130 **Conseiller Plummer:** Thank you.

I would like to ask Conseiller David Curtis and Conseiller Carol Cragoe, please.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Thank you very much indeed.

135 So from the Committee we have Conseiller Curtis and Conseiller Cragoe. Are there any other nominations from the floor, who would like to be considered for the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee? Please show your hands now if you would like to be considered for that Committee. No?

140 So we have therefore just two nominations and therefore we will go to the vote on that. Those in favour of electing Conseiller Curtis and Conseiller Cragoe to join the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you; and **carried**. Therefore, I confirm that Conseiller Curtis and Conseiller Cragoe have joined the Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries Committee. Welcome to yourselves.

145 Moving next to the Development Control Committee, where we are a bit light on the ground here. We have just one Member currently, the Deputy Chair Conseiller Barker, and we have three vacancies on this Committee, and therefore I would like to ask Conseiller Barker for your nominations for people to join the Development Control Committee.

150 **Conseiller Barker:** Aye, Mr Speaker. There are actually four vacancies on the DCC at the moment.

**The Speaker:** Four vacancies? Right, okay.

155 **Conseiller Barker:** The DCC would like to nominate Conseillers Baker, Bateson, Miller and Nicolle, please.

**The Speaker:** So we have Conseiller Baker, Conseiller Bateson and Conseiller Nicolle as three nominations to join the Development Control Committee, from the Committee.



**Conseiller Barker:** And Conseiller Miller, sir. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** And Conseiller Miller. I beg your pardon.

So just to recap on that, we have nominations from the Committee: Conseiller Baker, Conseiller Bateson, Conseiller Miller and Conseiller Nicolle; four candidates. Do we have any additional Members who would like to be considered to join the Development Control Committee? Any additional nominations from the floor? No?

In which case, we will go straight to the vote on that as a group vote. Those in favour of electing Conseiller Baker, Conseiller Bateson, Conseiller Miller and Conseiller Nicolle to the Development Control Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you very much. So I confirm, therefore, that Conseiller Baker, Conseiller Bateson, Conseiller Miller and Conseiller Nicolle have all been elected to the Development Control Committee. Thank you.

Next up, we have a more major task. We have the Douzaine. And for the Douzaine, we currently have two Members sitting. We have Conseiller Barker and Conseiller Harris. And we have five nominations, by my count. Therefore, I would like to ask Conseiller Barker for nominations from the Committee to join the Douzaine.

Conseiller Barker.

**Conseiller Barker:** Yes, thank you, Mr Speaker.

The Douzaine would like to nominate Conseillers Bateson, Curtis, Nicolle, Locke, and Cragoe. I will repeat that, sir, if that is okay.

**The Speaker:** If you just slow down and repeat that one more time, please.

**Conseiller Barker:** Conseiller Bateson, (The Speaker: Thank you.) Conseiller Curtis, (The Speaker: Thank you.) Conseiller Nicolle, Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Cragoe.

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Conseiller Barker.

So just to repeat that, from the Committee, we have five nominations: Conseiller Bateson, Conseiller Curtis, Conseiller Nicolle, Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Cragoe to join the Douzaine. Do we have any further nominations from the floor, from Members who would like to be considered to join the Douzaine? No?

So therefore, I would ask you for a show of hands to confirm the following: that Conseillers Bateson, Curtis, Nicolle, Locke and Cragoe should join the Douzaine. A show of hands, please. Thank you very much. Therefore, I confirm that Conseiller Bateson, Conseiller Curtis, Conseiller Nicolle, Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Cragoe are now Members of the Douzaine.

Based on that, you will be aware that Douzaine Members need to be sworn in and I have arranged with the Greffier and the Seneschal for a court tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday afternoon, at 2.15 in here for those five Conseillers to be sworn in as Members of the Douzaine. If you could arrive slightly before that, at about 10 past two, take your seat in the Chamber and much the same as last Thursday, the Seneschal and the Greffier at the court will swear you in tomorrow at 2.15. Thank you very much.

Moving along; that is the Douzaine, thank you. Next up, we have Education. Currently sitting on Education, we have Conseiller Rose, Conseiller Sullivan, Conseiller Cragoe and Conseiller Harris. We have, by my reckoning, one vacancy, and I would like to ask the Chair of Education for any nominations from the Committee.

Thank you; Conseiller Rose.

**Conseiller Rose:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Yes, we would like to nominate Conseiller Nicolle, please.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Nicolle. Thank you very much indeed.

So the nomination from the Committee is Conseiller Nicolle to join the Education Committee. Do we have any other nominations from the floor for Members to join the Education Committee? No?

215 So the nomination is Conseiller Nicolle and therefore could I please ask for a show of hands, those in favour of electing Conseiller Nicolle to the Education Committee? Thank you. That is unanimous. Thank you very much indeed. And therefore I confirm that, Conseiller Nicolle, you have joined the Education Committee. Thank you very much indeed. Jolly good.

220 Next up, we have Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage. Currently sitting we have Conseiller Barker, Conseiller Miller and Conseiller Guille, and by my reckoning, we have one vacancy on this Committee and I would therefore ask, I think Conseiller Barker ... or Conseiller Guille? Who is it going to be? Conseiller Barker, for any nominations from the Committee.

**Conseiller Barker:** I think Conseiller Guille, sir.

225 **The Speaker:** Conseiller Guille. Thank you.

**Conseiller Guille:** Yes, sir. We have a nomination of Conseiller Martin for Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage.

230 **The Speaker:** Conseiller Martin. Thank you very much indeed, Conseiller Guille.

So Conseiller Martin has been nominated to join. Do we have any other nominations from the floor to join the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee? No?

235 Therefore, the nomination is for Conseiller Martin to join the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee. Those in favour, please raise your hands. Very good, thank you. Therefore, Conseiller Martin, welcome to the Harbours, Shipping and Pilotage Committee. Thank you very much indeed.

240 Next up, we have the Medical and Emergency Services Committee, where we have currently sitting Conseiller Plummer as the Chair and Conseiller Sullivan. Again, by my reckoning, there are two vacancies on that Committee, so I would ask Conseiller Plummer for nominations from the Committee to join the Medical and Emergency Services Committee, please.

**Conseiller Plummer:** Thank you.

Yes, I would like to ask for James Martin and Steve Lord, please.

245 **The Speaker:** And so on the second one, please? (**Conseiller Plummer:** Steve Lord.) Steve Lord. Very good. Conseiller Lord.

**Conseiller Plummer:** Yes, Conseiller Lord, please.

250 **The Speaker:** Thank you.

Therefore, from the Committee, nominated are Conseiller Martin and Conseiller Lord. Once again, do we have any further nominations to join the Medical and Emergency Services Committee? Any other nominations? Okay, thank you.

255 Let's therefore go to the vote. Those in favour of Conseiller Martin and Conseiller Lord joining the Medical and Emergency Services Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you very much. Therefore, welcome to Conseiller Martin and Conseiller Lord as Members of the Medical and Emergency Services Committee. Thank you very much.

260 Next up, we have a Policy and Finance Committee. As announced earlier, the new Deputy Chair of Policy and Finance is Conseiller Tighe. That leaves us with one vacancy. The sitting Members are Conseiller Guille, Conseiller Rose, Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard and Conseiller Miller, and obviously now Conseiller Tighe. So therefore we have, by my reckoning, one spare vacancy on

Policy and Finance, and if I could ask the Chair of Policy and Finance for any nominations to join Policy and Finance.

Thank you, Conseiller Guille.

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**Conseiller Guille:** They are all nominations from the floor, please, for –

**The Speaker:** All nominations from the floor. Okay. There we are. So we have no nominations from the Committee. Therefore, can I ask for nominations from the floor to fill the vacancy, the one remaining vacancy, on Policy and Finance? Do we have any nominations?

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Conseiller Baker; thank you.

**Conseiller Baker MBE:** Yes, sir. I would like to nominate myself.

**The Speaker:** Thank you very much indeed. That is Conseiller Baker. Thank you. (Conseiller Baker MBE: Thank you.) Do we have any other nominations from the floor?

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Thank you, Conseiller Locke.

**Conseiller Locke:** Yes, sir. I would like to nominate myself as well.

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**The Speaker:** Conseiller Locke, thank you very much indeed.

So do we have any other nominations who would like to join the Policy and Finance Committee? Okay, we have two nominations. Therefore, we are going to go to the vote on this one; individual votes.

So first up, can we have those in favour of Conseiller Baker joining the Policy and Finance Committee. A show of hands, please, for Conseiller Baker. Thank you for that.

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Secondly, please could we have a show of hands for those who would like Conseiller Locke to join Policy and Finance. (*Interjection by the Greffier*) Have you really? Okay. I think we are going to have to go to a recount on that one. Once again; let's do a recount.

Let's go back to Conseiller Baker. Please put your hands high in the sky, for those who would like to see Conseiller Baker on Policy and Finance. Conseiller Nicolle, do you have your hand up? (Conseiller Nicolle: No.) You have not, I beg your pardon. I will make that eight.

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So therefore let's go for Conseiller Locke. Those who would like to vote Conseiller Locke onto P&F. Okay, that is intriguing. Let's just go one more time with Conseiller Locke. Thank you very much indeed. Hands up for Conseiller Locke.

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Can I just confirm, Conseiller Guille, you are not voting? (Conseiller Guille: Yes.) Right, okay. (*Laughter*) Would you like to have a casting vote, Conseiller Guille, putting you on the spot?

**Conseiller Guille:** Could we save it to the end and the P&F Committee could have a very short recess?

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**The Speaker:** At this point?

**Conseiller Guille:** Or at the end? As you like, sir.

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**The Speaker:** No, the process is, Conseiller Guille, we will have to take it to another Meeting. We have to take it to Wednesday's Meeting if we cannot decide –

**Conseiller Guille:** Okay, Wednesday's Meeting. Fine.

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**The Speaker:** Are you sure? So we will leave this in abeyance and we will include it on the Agenda for Wednesday's Meeting, because it is a dead heat. Just for confirmation, it is a dead heat: 8 votes in favour of Conseiller Baker and 8 votes in favour of Conseiller Locke. So it is a dead

315 heat with 1 abstention. So we will therefore defer that vacancy on Policy and Finance until the Christmas Meeting of Chief Pleas on Wednesday. That is democracy in action. Thank you very much indeed. Put that to one side. So we will leave that vacancy open until Wednesday. Thank you.

Next up, we have the Tourism Committee. We have just one Member currently sitting on the Tourism Committee, which is Conseiller Plummer.

320 Conseiller Plummer, three vacancies, according to me, on the Tourism Committee. Do you have nominations from the Committee?

**Conseiller Plummer:** I do, thank you: Conseiller Tighe, Conseiller Rose and Conseiller Nicolle.

325 **The Speaker:** Okay. They are three nominations from the Committee: Conseiller Tighe, Conseiller Rose and Conseiller Nicolle. Do we have any nominations from the floor who would like to join the Tourism Committee?

Conseiller Miller.

330 **Conseiller Miller:** I am not talking about myself, I would like to propose Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard for consideration.

**The Speaker:** Can I just remind you, please, to turn your microphones on for the benefit of the recording.

335 **Conseiller Miller:** I beg your pardon.

**The Speaker:** Do we have any other nominations from the floor, for Conseillers who would like to be considered to join the Tourism Committee? Once again, just to recap, we currently have nominations for Conseiller Tighe, Conseiller Rose, Conseiller Nicolle and Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard. We have four nominations for three vacancies.

I would just ask, Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard, are you happy to be nominated?

**Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard:** Yes, Mr Speaker.

345 **The Speaker:** You seem unsure.

**Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard:** I accept it. *(Laughter)*

350 **The Speaker:** A hesitant acceptance. Once again, I would ask you, if you are speaking, please, to turn your microphones on. Thank you.

So once again, we have the following nominees to join the Tourism Committee. We have Conseiller Tighe, Conseiller Rose, Conseiller Nicolle and Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard. And we are going to do this on a show of hands, one by one. So again, *please* make sure that you raise your hands as high as you can. And you have got three votes. There are four nominees, but three vacancies. So you have just three votes, please.

I would ask you, please, to raise your hands, for those people who would like to elect Conseiller Tighe to the Tourism Committee. Thank you for that. Next up – *(Interjections)* Can we do that one again, please; and again, reach as high as you can. Thank you very much. So this is for Conseiller Tighe to join the Tourism Committee. Thank you for that.

360 Next up, please could you raise your hands if you would like Conseiller Rose to join the Tourism Committee. Thank you very much indeed.

Next up, please could we have a show of hands for those of you who would like Conseiller Nicolle to join the Tourism Committee. A show of hands, please, for Conseiller Nicolle. Thank you.

And therefore, finally, could we have a show of hands, please, for those who would like Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard to join the Tourism Committee. Show of hands, please, thank you. Do not be afraid to reach for the stars. Right, here we go. Thank you for that. That is great. Thank you, Conseiller Miller.

370 So therefore, based on that voting, I would like to confirm that Conseiller Tighe, Conseiller Rose and Conseiller Nicolle have been elected to join the Tourism Committee. Welcome to you, to the Tourism Committee. Thank you very much indeed. And therefore Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard was unsuccessful in that vote, but thank you for putting your name forwards. Very good. That was Tourism.

375 Next up we have the Definition of a Resident (Special) Committee and we have sitting on that Committee currently Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard as the Deputy Chair and Conseiller Miller. By my reckoning, we have two vacancies on that Committee. Can I ask Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard for nominations from the Committee, please?

380 **Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard:** Sure. I would like to nominate Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Lord, please.  
Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Okay. Thank you very much.

385 So from the Committee, we have Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Lord. Do we have any other nominations from the floor for Conseillers who would like to join the Definition of a Resident (Special) Committee?  
Conseiller Barker, first. Thank you.

390 **Conseiller Barker:** I would like to nominate Conseiller Tighe, please, sir.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Tighe been nominated from over there. And then, Conseiller Lord; thank you.

395 **Conseiller Lord:** I would like to give way to Conseiller Tighe, please.

**The Speaker:** Also Conseiller Tighe, okay. (*Interjections*)

**Conseiller Lord:** Give way, sorry.

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**The Speaker:** Give way to. I beg your pardon, sorry. Conseiller Tighe, do you want to put your name for ...? Can you confirm that you are happy to –?

**Conseiller Tighe:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

405 Yes, I would like to confirm.

**The Speaker:** You are. (*Interjection*) Oh, I see. Okay, I see what you are saying. I beg your pardon. I misunderstood, Conseiller Lord, what you were saying. You are standing down, (*Interjection by Conseiller Lord*) from that vote? Okay.

410 So therefore we have therefore two nominations, I do believe. No more nominations from the floor to join the Definition of a Resident (Special) Committee? So we therefore have Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Tighe. Can I ask those in favour of Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Tighe joining the Definition of a Resident (Special) Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you very much. That is great. So I confirm, therefore, that Conseiller Locke and  
415 Conseiller Tighe have joined the Definition of a Resident (Special) Committee. Welcome to you. Thank you.

Next up, we have Future Energy. Currently sitting on that Committee, we have Conseiller Guille as the Chair, we have Conseiller Cragoe and we have Conseiller Miller. And we have, by my reckoning, one vacancy on that Committee. Do we have any nominations from the Committee to join the Future Energy Committee?

Conseiller Guille; thank you.

**Conseiller Guille:** Yes, sir: Conseiller Locke.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Locke. Thank you very much indeed.

So the Committee have nominated Conseiller Locke. Do we have any other nominations from the floor who would like to be considered for the Future Energy Committee? Any other nominations? No. Okay, so we have that one sole nomination from the Future Energy Committee for Conseiller Locke to join the Committee. If I could ask for those in favour of Conseiller Locke joining the Future Energy Committee, please. Thank you. That is great. Thank you very much indeed. That is **carried**. So therefore, I confirm that Conseiller Locke has joined the Future Energy Committee. Thank you very much.

Next up, we have the Online Identity (Special) Committee. Sitting on that Committee currently we have Conseiller Harris as the Deputy Chair and we have Conseiller Kennedy-Barnard. And we have, by my reckoning, two vacancies on that Committee. If I could ask Conseiller Harris for nominations from the Committee to join the Committee.

**Conseiller Harris:** Thank you, sir.

Yes, we would like to nominate Conseillers Locke and Lord, please.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Lord to join the Online Identity Committee. Thank you to the Committee. Do we have any other nominations from the floor to join the Online Identity (Special) Committee? Any other nominations? No.

So we will therefore go to the vote on that. Those in favour, that Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Lord should join the Online Identity (Special) Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you very much indeed. That is **carried**. So I welcome Conseiller Locke and Conseiller Lord to the Online Identity (Special) Committee.

Next up, we have the Taxation Review (Special) Committee and we have three currently sitting members. We have Conseiller Miller as the Deputy Chair; we have Conseiller Barker and Conseiller Guille with, by my reckoning, one vacancy currently, although you will be aware that on Wednesday we have a proposition for a fifth Member. But we will not dwell on that for the time being. Today, we have one vacancy on that Committee. So I would ask Conseiller Miller for any nominations from the Committee for Conseillers to join the Taxation Review (Special) Committee.

**Conseiller Miller:** Conseiller Tighe, please.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Tighe. So one nomination from the Committee for Conseiller Tighe to join the Taxation Review (Special) Committee. Do we have any other nominations from the floor? Conseiller Barker; thank you.

**Conseiller Barker:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Excellent nomination, in my opinion, Conseiller Tighe, but I would also like to nominate Conseiller Harris.

**The Speaker:** Conseiller Harris.

Before we go to the – oh, Conseiller Cragoe; thank you.

**Conseiller Cragoe:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Yes, I would like to nominate myself.

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**The Speaker:** You would like to nominate yourself? Thank you very much indeed. Do we have any other nominations from the floor for anyone to join the Taxation Review (Special) Committee? No?

So just to recap, we have three nominations for one vacancy, so you get one vote, and the three candidates are Conseiller Tighe, Conseiller Harris and Conseiller Cragoe. *(Interjection by the Greffier)* Yes, good point actually. Conseiller Harris, you are happy to put your name forward? *(Interjection by Conseiller Harris)* Yes. Okay.

So Conseiller Tighe, Conseiller Harris and Conseiller Cragoe. Let's do this one by one. Therefore, again, please reach high and clearly, so we can see your hands. Those in favour of electing Conseiller Tighe as a Member of the Taxation Review (Special) Committee, please raise your hands. Thank you very much indeed.

Next up, please raise your hands if you would like Conseiller Harris to join the Taxation Review Committee.

And finally, those of you who would like Conseiller Cragoe to join the Taxation Review Committee.

So therefore, by my reckoning, the successful candidate is Conseiller Tighe with 10 votes; Conseiller Harris got 6 votes; and Conseiller Cragoe had 1 vote. That is democracy. So I would like to welcome Conseiller Tighe to the Taxation Review (Special) Committee. Welcome to you.

And that, remarkably, completes the elections to Committees for Conseillers. Thank you very much indeed for that. We have just that one vacancy remaining on Policy and Finance, which we will come back to on Wednesday evening; that one vacancy that we could not agree on.

### 3. Committee and Panel Elections – None

*To elect non-Chief Pleas Members and Panel Members to Committees and Panels, as required.*

**The Speaker:** At which point, let's move to Agenda Item 3, which is Committee and Panel Elections, to elect non-Chief Pleas Members and Panel Members to Committees and Panels as required. The one thing I will note is that Conseiller Locke is no longer *not* a Member of Chief Pleas and therefore he comes off the Online Identity Committee.

Can I ask individual Committees, do you have any nominations for people who you would like to join your Committee as a non-Chief Pleas Member? Any Committees ... Perhaps let's start with any nominations from Committees for non-Chief Pleas Members to join any Committees. This has been a struggle in the past. No. No one is putting their hand up.

I do not wish to hone in on Conseiller Locke, but looking specifically at Online Identity, does anyone have any nominations to replace Conseiller Locke as a non-Chief Pleas Member on the Online Identity (Special) Committee? Any nominations? No?

So we will run with the current makeup of that Committee. We will come back to that at future Meetings. Of course, invariably it is the last Agenda Item at a Chief Pleas Meeting, for those of you not familiar with the pattern of how we vote on these things. Based on that, once again, thank you very much indeed for your interaction.

**Policy Development Group –  
Closing statement by the Speaker**

**The Speaker:** Before I ask the Greffier to close the Meeting, I am just once again going to reiterate the statement that I made at the beginning of the Meeting and therefore that the Policy Development Group is not a Committee of Chief Pleas, it is a group, and there has been a request from several Conseillers just today – so it is politics in action – to convene a meeting of the PDG this afternoon, immediately after this Meeting, for the sole purpose of electing a Chair and a Deputy Chair of the PDG.

This will facilitate an Agenda to be drawn up for the first meeting of the PDG to be convened on a date to be agreed as soon as possible. I think this is why you are keen, quite rightly, to want to see that Committee hit the ground running. You have heard me say at previous Chief Pleas Meetings, I believe, as Speaker, that the PDG option has been much underutilised and I, for one, would encourage all Conseillers to take an active part of PDG. I think it will greatly improve the way in which we conduct the business in Chief Pleas.

So as soon as the Greffier has called the closing prayer, please remain in place. The top table will withdraw and I ask also the public, please, to withdraw. This will be a decision amongst yourselves, as Conseillers, to come up with a Chair and a Deputy Chair.

At that point, I would say, at quarter to six, I will ask the Greffier to read the closing prayer. Thank you.

**PRAYER**

*The Greffier*

*Chief Pleas closed at 5.46 p.m.*