

ADDENDUM

Additional Items for the Christmas Meeting of Chief Pleas 22nd January 2020

Under the Provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Chief Pleas of Sark the Speaker of Chief Pleas has accepted the following items and added them to the Agenda. This Addendum complies with the notice required under Rule 1(4).

13. To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled "**The Election of Conseillers 4th March 2020**" and to Approve the Ordinance entitled "**The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020**". (copies enclosed).
14. To CONSIDER a Report with two Propositions from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled "**Treasurer to the Island of Sark and Deputy Tax Assessor**" (copy enclosed).

29th December 2019

Arthur Rolfe
Speaker of Chief Pleas

NOTES:

Anyone wishing to see any of the Reports and Supporting Papers may do so at the Committee Offices, Monday to Friday, 10.30 - 12.30 and 2 - 4.30 and at other times when the offices are open; copies may be obtained from the Committee Office. The Agenda, Reports and Supporting Papers may also be seen on the Sark Government Website at www.gov.sark.gg

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report with Proposition to Christmas Chief Pleas, 22nd January 2020

THE ELECTION OF CONSEILLERS 4th MARCH 2020

This report covers the requirement for a by-election to replace Conseillers who have resigned from Chief Pleas. Section 23A (1) of The Reform Law provides that, ‘... upon the occurrence of a casual vacancy amongst Conseillers, a by-election shall be held on such date, not later than six months after the occurrence of the vacancy, as the Chief Pleas shall by Ordinance appoint.’

The vacancy created by the resignation of former Conseiller Pauline Mallinson on 23rd October 2019, triggers the mechanism required for a by-election to take place. Following discussions with the Returning Officer as to a suitable date, the Committee comes to this meeting with an Ordinance already prepared and is attached to this report.

Wednesday 4th March 2020 has been selected as the date of the by-election and the Returning Officer’s timetable is attached to this report together with drafts of the Calling Notice and Notice regarding Collection of Nomination Forms.

Proposition –

That Chief Pleas approves “The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020”.

**Conseiller Peter La Trobe-Bateman
Chairman, Policy & Finance Committee**

The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020

THE CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 23A, 25(5) and 29(6) of the Reform (Sark) Law, 2008^a, hereby order:-

Date fixed for by-election.

1. (1) A by-election for the purpose of filling such number of casual vacancies in the Office of Conseiller –

(a) existing as at the date of this Ordinance, and

(b) occurring, for any reason, on or before Friday 24th January, 2020,

shall be held on Wednesday 4th March, 2020.

(2) In the event of two or more candidates at the said election securing an equal number of votes, and by reason thereof a further election being required to be held in pursuance of the provisions of section 25(5) of the Reform (Sark) Law, 2008, in respect of such candidates only without further nomination, such further election shall be held on Wednesday 1st April, 2020.

^a Order in Council No. V of 2009; amended by Nos. VI and XXVII of 2008; No. XIV of 2010; No. XII of 2011; No. XI of 2014; No. IX of 2016; No. II of 2018.

Date of closure of register.

2. The Register of Electors shall close, pursuant to section 29(6) of the Reform (Sark) Law, 2008, on Friday, 24th January 2020.

Citation.

3. This Ordinance may be cited as the Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2020.

**TIMETABLE FOR BY-ELECTION OF 2 CONSEILLERS – 4th March
2020**

- Friday 24 Jan 20 Electoral Register closes and remains closed until election process are complete.
- Notice in Sark Gazette Officielle, St Peter's Church Notice Box (if available, otherwise the Seneschal's Notice Box) and government website of forthcoming election. Notice gives date and time when final nominations are to be received etc.
- Nomination forms will be available for collection from the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Greffe offices, prior to nominations opening. When completed, but not before 1 pm on Friday 31 Jan, the forms are to be delivered by one of the persons named on the form to the Speaker of Chief Pleas (Returning Officer) between 1 pm and 3 pm, Fri 31 Jan to Thu 13 Jan and Fri 14 Jan between 1 pm at 2 pm. In any absence of the Returning Officer forms may be returned to the Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas (Deputy Returning Officer) or Greffier.
- Friday 31 Jan 20 Nominations open at 1 pm.
- A daily list of nominations received will be posted in Sark Gazette Officielle and St Peter's Church Notice Box (if available, otherwise the Seneschal's Notice Box); nominations will be listed in the order received.
- Friday 14 Feb 20 Nominations to close at 4 pm. [Thereafter the Returning Officer will post Official Notices asking for volunteers from Island Residents to man the Polling Station and to conduct the Count after the poll closes; application for these functions to close at 3pm on Wed 26 Feb.]
- Friday 14 Feb 20 Notice in Sark Gazette Officielle and St Peter's Church Notice Box (if available, otherwise the Seneschal's Notice Box) of Candidates with Proposers and Seconders.
- Notice sent to the printers with the List of Candidates for the printing of Voting Papers.
- Wednesday 4 Mar 20 By-Election polling from 10am until 6.00pm – Polling Station in Toplis Room, Island Hall - Count in Main Hall Room. (The Count is to begin as soon after polls close as possible.)
- Thursday 5 Mar 20 Notice in Sark Gazette Officielle, St Peter's Church Notice Box (if available, otherwise the Seneschal's Notice Box) and on the government website of Result.

In the event of a 'tie' between two candidates, when the addition of one more vote would have caused a person to be elected, a second election is to be held. (New Voting Papers are to be

produced for the tied candidates and Notices of the second election are to be published in Sark Gazette Officielle, St Peter's Church Notice Box (if available, otherwise the Seneschal's Notice Box) and government website; venues as for Friday 4 Mar 20.)

Wednesday 1 Apr 20 By-Election re-run, only for candidates tied at 4 Mar 20. (No other nominations allowed.)

Thursday 2 Apr 20 Notice in Sark Gazette Officielle St Peter's Church Notice Box (if available, otherwise the Seneschal's Notice Box) and on government website of second election Result.

Wednesday 22 Apr 20 A Court will be held at 9.45 am to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office to the newly elected Conseillers. This will be followed by the Midsummer Meeting of Chief Pleas at 10 am to include an item conduct elections to Committee(s), as required.

Notes:

- a. Conseillers elected at the By-Election on the 4 Mar 20 will be sworn into office as soon after the election as can be arranged with the Court, probably Friday the 22 Apr 20.
- b. Persons elected to fill the two existing vacancies and any other casual vacancies from the cohort of Conseillers elected at the December 2016 General Election will hold office until the 14 Jan 21.
- c. In 2021 the Christmas Chief Pleas will be on Wednesday 20 Jan 21.
- d. Persons elected to fill any other casual vacancies from the cohort of Conseillers elected at the General Election of 12 Dec 18 will hold office until the 12 Jan 23.
- e. In 2023 the Christmas Chief Pleas will be on Wednesday 18 Jan 23.

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ISLAND OF SARK

BY- ELECTION OF CONSEILLERS

In accordance with the Reform (Sark) Law, 2008 as amended and with The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2019
A BY-ELECTION OF TWO CONSEILLERS SHALL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2020.

The Polling Station shall be at the ISLAND HALL (TOPLIS ROOM) and voting shall take place from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm that day.

PRESCRIBED FORMS OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE to stand as a Conseiller are available from the Sark Speaker of Chief Pleas' and Greffe Offices and shall be completed by two persons and the candidate all of whose names shall be inscribed on the Electoral Register and shall be delivered by hand of one of the persons named on the form to the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas (Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer respectively), not later than 4.00 PM on Friday 14th February 2020. Forms of Nomination shall not be returned before 1.00 PM on Friday the 31st January 2020.

In the event of an equality of votes being given to two or more candidates, and the addition of one more vote to his/her poll would have entitled such candidate to be elected, a further election shall be held in accordance with the above stated Law and Ordinances on Wednesday 1st April 2020; in respect of such candidates only and without further nomination, between the persons who have obtained such equality of votes. The Polling Station shall be at the same place and between the same hours as stated above. For the purposes of the term of office of any successful candidate such further election shall be deemed to have been held on the date of the original election.

ARTHUR ROLFE
SPEAKER OF CHIEF PLEAS AND RETURNING OFFICER OF SARK

21st December 2019

ITEM 13d

NOTICE

FORMS OF NOMINATION FOR A BY-ELECTION **TO BE HELD ON 4 MARCH 2020**

Nomination forms for the abovementioned By-election may be collected in advance by calling on the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas (Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer respectively) or Greffier during their published office hours commencing Friday 24 January until Friday 14 February (prior to nominations closing at 4 pm). Forms of nomination may not be returned until 1 pm Friday 31 January.

Returned forms will be accepted by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas (Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer respectively) between 1 pm and 3 pm, Friday 10 May to Thursday 13 February and between 11 am and 4 pm Friday 14 February.

SPEAKER OF CHIEF PLEAS AND RETURNING OFFICER

21st December 2019

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report with propositions to Christmas Chief Pleas, 22nd January 2020

TREASURER TO THE ISLAND OF SARK AND DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR

Following the resignation of Mrs Wendy Kiernan as Treasurer in 2017, the role of Treasurer has been vacant.

After advertising three candidates applied and panel interviews were held. The panel were unanimous in their recommendation that Miss Sarah Hudson should be appointed as Treasurer.

As recommended by the interview panel the Policy & Finance Committee would like to put forward Miss Sarah Hudson for the position of Treasurer to the Island of Sark.

In accordance with The Direct Taxes (Sark) (Amendment) Law 2016 an advertisement was placed for the position of Deputy Tax Assessor. Two candidates applied and panel interviews were held. The panel recommended that Mrs Angela Lewis be appointed as Deputy Tax Assessor.

As recommended by the interview panel the Policy & Finance Committee would like to put forward Mrs Angela Lewis for the position of Deputy Tax Assessor to the Island of Sark.

Proposition 1-

That Chief Pleas approves the appointment of Miss Sarah Hudson to the position of Treasurer to the Island of Sark.

Proposition 2-

That Chief Pleas approves the appointment of Mrs Angela Lewis to the position of Deputy Tax Assessor to the Island of Sark.

**Conseiller Peter La Trobe-Bateman
Chairman, Policy & Finance Committee**