

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MANDATE

CONSTITUTION:

- Four members who shall be sitting members of Chief Pleas, two of whom shall be selected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman by their fellow Committee Members.
- The Director of Education and the Chair of the Board of Education shall be members ex-officio.
- From time to time, as required, the Head of School and/or other teachers may be invited to attend meetings, as deemed relevant and necessary by the Committee.
- A quorum shall consist of three voting members.

MANDATE:

1. Establish a statutory system of public education for the children of Sark, in accordance with the Education (Sark) Ordinance, 2003 that is of high quality*.
2. Appoint a Board of Education, representative of the community of Sark and constituted in accordance with their terms of reference.
3. To present to Chief Pleas the name of the person nominated as the Director of Education (in accordance with the recommendations of the Education Review 2017).
4. Receive information from the Director of Education and the Board of Education in sufficient depth and with regularity so as to enable the Committee to fulfil their role.
5. Approve and champion the Education Policy for Sark and agree the Development Plan for Education on an annual basis, commending the plan and expenditure to Chief Pleas.
6. Commission an independent inspection of Education for the children of Sark at suitable intervals (at least once in every three years); and ensure that actions are taken to implement recommendations in a timely fashion so as to rectify any deficits.
7. Provide and maintain a school and its equipment, and the facilities for education, physical education and recreation.
8. Approve the appointment, definition of conditions of service and salary, appraisal and pay progression, disciplining and the dismissal of staff at Sark school and roles which fall under the remit of the Education Committee, following recommendation from the Board of Education and/or Director of Education.
9. The funding of education (on Sark and elsewhere) within the constraints of Island finances, including the provision of education for children with special needs.
10. Uphold the behaviour expectations and disciplinary measures when necessary, including decisions at appeal for the temporary and/or permanent exclusion of unruly children from school.
11. Present to Chief Pleas the names of person(s) appointed as the Island Safeguarding Officer and those nominated as the Designated Safeguarding Leads for the Sark Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.
12. Work with the Island Safeguarding Officer, Sark Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and other agencies to ensure the protection and safeguarding of all children in the community and to liaise with the Finance and Resources Committee over funding for any work undertaken by Health & Social Care in Guernsey.

13. Monitor complaints regarding the Education, Welfare or Safety of a child and act as the final body of appeal in accordance with the published complaints procedure.
14. Report on education matters to Chief Pleas.

** high quality education that is at least as good as one they would receive in the UK, whether it is provided on Sark or elsewhere.*

11th April 2018

