

## **NOTICE**

## Friday 4th September

I am aware that electricity consumers in Sark may be concerned by the message posted by Sark Electricity Limited on its Facebook page on 3rd September. It outlines a dispute between SEL and Mr Moerman, a private landholder. As a result of this dispute, SEL has taken a decision to disconnect some residents.

As Commissioner, it is my role to protect customers from increases in electricity prices that may arise unnecessarily or without reasonable justification as a result of this, or any other, dispute. I have pointed out to SEL that I do not believe that it is right that any company should be able to embark on a legal process in the expectation that, whatever the claims and/or outcome, all its legal costs may be recovered by passing them on to customers. To try to mitigate the situation for all involved, I have suggested potential solutions which SEL has chosen not to explore. As a result, some people may be disconnected from the SEL system. This situation is, in my view, unnecessary and avoidable. I will keep residents aware of any major developments.

Anthony White Commissioner