

## **RESOLUTIONS of the MIDSUMMER MEETING of CHIEF PLEAS held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

1. **MATTERS ARISING from the Easter Meeting held on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**  
Item 9 on pages 3 and 14.
2. **QUESTIONS Not Related to the Business of the Day.**  
Question to Policy & Finance Committee from Conseiller K. Delaney.
3. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Sark Census” and to Approve the Projet de Loi entitled “The Census (Sark) Law, 2021”.**  
Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas approve the Projet de Loi entitled The Census (Sark) Law 2021.
4. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “By-Election” and to Approve the Ordinance entitled “The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2021”.**  
Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas approves “The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2021”.
5. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Sark Election Timetable”.**  
Proposition – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas resolves that for any future Election of Conseillers that the timetable allows three weeks for the submission of nomination papers and closure of nominations.
6. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the LAND REFORM (SPECIAL) COMMITTEE entitled “Land Reform - Saisie”.**  
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas approves the scheme of saisie for Sark as set out in the Report entitled ‘Land Reform - Saisie’.  
  
Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas authorise the Land Reform (Special) Committee to instruct the Law Officers to draft the legislation to give effect to Proposition 1.  
  
Proposition 3 – **CARRIED.**  
That, prior to such legislation being submitted to Chief Pleas for approval, the Land Reform Special Committee shall obtain the consent of the Royal Court to the legislation disapplying the Saisie Procedure (Simplification) (Bailiwick) Order, 1952 in Sark, but without prejudice to saisie proceedings commenced thereunder .
7. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Orders for Vesting and Division of Sark Real Property in Matrimonial Proceedings”.**  
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**  
That Chief Pleas approves the Matrimonial Causes Division of the Royal Court be empowered to make orders including the division of Sark real property, and the charging of such property, including chargeable leasehold interests deemed to be real property, in accordance with this report.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to consult with the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to proposition 1.

8. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Public Consultation on the Future Shape of Chief Pleas”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas resolves that a public consultation be carried out and a report brought to a future Chief Pleas.

9. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the DOUZAINÉ entitled “Asbestos Matters”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas directs the Douzainé to consult with the Law Officers of the Crown on the subject of asbestos and possible Sark legislation, similar to that to the Guernsey Law and Ordinance, and to return to a future Chief Pleas with a report and appropriate propositions.

10. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Release of Recordings of Chief Pleas Meetings to the Public”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas resolves to make official recordings of Chief Pleas Meetings available to the public via its official website.

11. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the TAXATION REVIEW (SPECIAL) COMMITTEE entitled “Committee Mandate”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED** as amended.

That Chief Pleas approves the Mandate for the Taxation Review (Special) Committee, as attached to this report, as amended.

12. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (SPECIAL) COMMITTEE entitled “Committee Mandate”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas approves the Mandate for the Development Control Law (Special) Committee, as attached to this report.

13. **COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: To Elect Conseillers to Committees as required:**

**Standing Committees:**

**Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries – 1 x Vacancy**

**Education – 1 x Vacancy**

**Special Committees:**

**Future Energy – 1 x Vacancy**

**Top Level Domain – 2 x Vacancies**

**Standing Committees:**

**Agriculture, Environment and Sea Fisheries.**

Conseiller T. Le Lievre was elected to the Committee.

**Education.**

Conseiller F. Turner was elected to the Committee.

**Special Committees:**

**Future Energy.**

Conseiller T. Le Lievre was elected to the Committee.

**Top Level Domain.**

Conseillers F. Turner and K. Delaney were elected to the Committee.

14. **COMMITTEE and PANEL ELECTIONS: To Elect Non-Chief Pleas Members and Panel Members to Committees and Panels as required:**  
**Top Level Domain – 1 x Non-Chief Pleas Member to be proposed and elected.**  
**Douzaine – 1 x Non-Chief Pleas Member to be proposed and elected.**  
**Douzaine.**

Mr R. Knight was elected a Non-Chief Pleas member of the Committee.

**Top Level Domain.**

Ms V. Stamps was elected a Non-Chief Pleas member of the Committee.

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REGULATIONS LAID BEFORE

The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No.4)  
(Amendment) Regulations, 2021  
(Came into operation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021)

The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 5)  
Regulations, 2021  
(Came into operation on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (No. 5) (Bailiwick of  
Guernsey) Regulations, 2021  
(Came into operation on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

The Road Traffic Committee (part of the Douzaine) Seasonal Regulation No. 2.  
(Came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021)

The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 5)  
(Amendment) Regulations, 2021  
(Came into force on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 6)  
Regulations, 2021  
(Came into operation on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021)

The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (No. 6) (Bailiwick of  
Guernsey) Regulations, 2021  
(Came into operation on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021)

15. **To Consider a Report with Propositions from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Free Trade Agreements”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas agree that Sark’s participation in any Free Trade Agreement ("FTA") (or other trade arrangement) should –

a) meet Sark’s needs, while respecting the constitutional relationship with the UK through the Crown and Sark’s domestic autonomy; and,

b) be underpinned by the principles of relevance, proportionality, and practicality, taking into account the island nature of Sark, its size and population, and unique needs arising out of the same.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas note the intention to establish a process to enable effective consultation between the Bailiwick authorities in relation to participation in any FTA (or other trade arrangement).

Proposition 3 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas authorise the Policy & Resources Committee of the States of Deliberation to maintain efforts on behalf of Sark to ensure that Sark's interests (and those of the wider Bailiwick) continue to be represented to the UK during negotiations in relation to any FTA (or other trade arrangement).

Proposition 4 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas authorise the Policy & Resources Committee of the States of Deliberation to agree to Sark's participation in UK FTAs (or other trade arrangements) and signal that agreement to HM Government.

Proposition 5 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas endorse the process and approach as set out in the relevant paras of the Policy Letter regarding Sark's (and the wider Bailiwick's) participation in UK FTAs (or other trade arrangements).

Proposition 6 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas agree that there shall be implemented such measures (including legislative measures) as the Policy and Finance Committee thinks fit for the purpose of ensuring that Sark may comply and remain in compliance with obligations that arise from participation in any UK FTA (or other trade arrangement).

Proposition 7 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.

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LAID BEFORE

The Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021  
(Came into operation on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 7)  
Regulations, 2021  
(Came into operation on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

The Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Vaccine) (Limitation of Liability) (No. 7) (Bailiwick of Guernsey)  
Regulations, 2021  
(Came into operation on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

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