

RESOLUTIONS of the MIDSUMMER MEETING of CHIEF PLEAS held on 3rd July 2024.

1. **MATTERS ARISING from the Easter Meeting held on 10th April 2024.**
There were none.
2. **QUESTIONS Not Related to the Business of the Day.**
Questions from Conseiller F. Makepeace to the Medical & Emergency Services Committee.
3. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition and Timetable from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “General Election Ordinance 2024” and to APPROVE the Ordinance entitled “The Reform (General Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2024”. (Report, Ordinance and Timetable enclosed).**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves the Ordinance entitled “The Reform (General Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2024”.
4. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas – Term of Office”.**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves that the term of office for the Deputy Speaker of Chief Pleas will be for three years, ending on the 24th May 2026.
5. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Adjustments to Tax Arrangements”.**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas notes the contents of this report.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare the necessary legislation to define a dwelling as subject to tax unless it has remained derelict since August 1976.

Proposition 3 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare the necessary legislation to stipulate that a building under construction or recently completed be subject to Property Tax based on its dimensions within 12 months of the foundation measurement date.

Proposition 4 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare the necessary legislation to empower Chief Pleas to set a minimum number of quarters on which the Forfait is to be calculated (the current proposal for 2025 will be 15 quarters).

Proposition 5 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare the necessary legislation to ensure that in the event of a Possessor failing to pay the Property Tax that the liability of the same will transfer to the Owner, and further that in such cases the Possessor would be liable for Personal Tax.

Proposition 6 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to engage with the Law Officers of the Crown on the feasibility of legislation to:-

- a) Ensure that a person having resided on Sark for more than 90 nights can be subject to one of the categories of tax and for this to be payable in the current year; and
- b) Create an obligation on landlords and employers to declare the details of persons living or working with them on the Island for extended periods.

Proposition 7 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas notes the intent of the Policy & Finance Committee to recommend as part of the budget that the upper thresholds before tax is applied be set at £75,000, and £100,000, for those over the age of 69 years.

6. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Property Tax – Duty on Share Transfer”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas notes the contents of this report.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas directs the Policy & Finance Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to draft legislation to secure payment of Property Transfer Tax where there has been a material change in the beneficial ownership of a company which holds property on Sark.

7. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the DOUZAINÉ entitled “Sunday Tractors”.**

Proposition – **WITHDRAWN.**

That Chief Pleas directs the Douzainé to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare an amendment to “The Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) Law, 2013” and “The Motor Vehicles (Sark) Law, 2013” as detailed in the above report.

8. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the DOUZAINÉ entitled “Purchase of Land”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas directs the Douzainé to purchase the said parcel of land on behalf of Chief Pleas.

9. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the HARBOURS, SHIPPING and PILOTAGE COMMITTEE entitled “Sark Pilotage Syllabus”. (Syllabus enclosed)**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas approves the Sark Pilotage Syllabus (as included with this report).

10. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the HARBOURS, SHIPPING and PILOTAGE COMMITTEE entitled “Visitor Moorings in Dixcart Bay”.**

The Report and Proposition were Withdrawn.

Proposition 1 –

That Chief Pleas approves the placing of up to 4 visitor moorings in Dixcart Bay, on a trial basis, to be reviewed at the end of the season.

11. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Review of Committee Mandates”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**

That Chief Pleas directs each Committee to review its mandate to identify any areas for improvement and clarification, and for the resultant conclusions to be shared with the Policy & Finance Committee for discussion in conjunction with the Committee Chairpersons.

12. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the DOUZAINÉ entitled “Douzainé Mandate and The Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas Committees”. (Mandate and documents enclosed).**
 Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**
 That Chief Pleas approve the amended Douzainé Mandate (as attached).
- Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**
 That Chief Pleas approve the amended Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas (as attached).
13. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the TOP LEVEL DOMAIN (SPECIAL) COMMITTEE entitled “Committee Name Change and Mandate”. (New name and mandate enclosed)**
 Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**
 That Chief Pleas approve the change of name of the ‘Top level Domain (Special) Committee’ to the ‘Online Identity (Special) Committee’.
- Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**
 That Chief Pleas approve the Mandate of the renamed Special Committee, as attached to this Report.
14. **To CONSIDER an Information Report from the MEDICAL and EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE entitled “Medical Update”. (Appendix enclosed)**
 The Report was noted.
15. **To CONSIDER an Information Report from the EDUCATION COMMITTEE entitled “Secondary Education”. (Appendix enclosed)**
 The Report was noted.
16. **To CONSIDER an Information Report from the AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE entitled “Nature Protection”. (Société Sercquaise report and appendices enclosed)**
 The Report was noted.
17. **To CONSIDER an Information Report from the HARBOURS, SHIPPING and PILOTAGE COMMITTEE entitled “Committee Update”. (Appendix enclosed)**
 The Report was noted.
18. **COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: To Elect Conseillers to Committees, as required.**
EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
 Conseillers B. Harris and C. Cragoe were elected to the Committee.
- SPECIAL COMMITTEES.**
FUTURE ENERGY.
 Conseiller C. Cragoe was elected to the Committee.
- ONLINE IDENTITY (SPECIAL) COMMITTEE.**
 Conseiller C. Kennedy-Barnard was elected to the Committee.
19. **COMMITTEE and PANEL ELECTIONS: To Elect Non-Chief Pleas Members and Panel Members to Committees and Panels, as required.**
MEDICAL & EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE.
 Dr S. Wilson was elected to the Committee as a Non-Chief Pleas member.
20. **MATTERS ARISING from the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25th April 2024.**
 Relating to a statement made by the Speaker regarding the number of Conseillers that are needed to be present for Chief Pleas to be quorate.

21. **To CONSIDER a Report with a Projet de Loi and Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Prescribed Businesses (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2024”**
Proposition – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approves the attached Projet de Loi, entitled the ‘Prescribed Businesses (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2024’.
22. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Visit of King Charles III & Queen Camilla”**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approve an additional public holiday on Tuesday 16th July 2024.
- Proposition 2 – **CARRIED.**
That Chief Pleas approve the Ordinance “Public Holidays (Visit of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla to Guernsey) (Sark) Ordinance, 2024”

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