



**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK
to be held on WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST 2025 at 5pm in the ASSEMBLY ROOM**

AGENDA

1. To CONSIDER a Report with Ordinance and Proposition from the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled **“By-Election”**.

P M Armorgie
Speaker of Chief Pleas

1st August 2025

NOTES

Anyone wishing to see the Report and Supporting Papers may do so at the Committee Offices, Monday to Thursday, 9am to 2pm, Friday, 9am to 12 noon; copies may be obtained from the Committee Office. The Agenda, Report and Supporting Papers may also be seen on the Sark Government Website at:

www.sarkgov.co.uk

ITEM 01

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report with Proposition to an Extraordinary Meeting of Chief Pleas, 20th August 2025

BY-ELECTION

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.*'

Four vacancies are now required to be filled following the resignations of Scott Sullivan, Marcus Barker, Christopher Kennedy-Barnard and Steve Lord earlier this year.

Following discussions with the Returning Officer as to a suitable date, the Committee comes to this meeting with an Ordinance already prepared and which is attached to this report.

The 17th September 2025 has been selected as the date of the By-Election. The Returning Officer's timetable is attached to this report.

Proposition –

That Chief Pleas approves 'The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2025'.

Conseiller John Guille
Chairman, Policy & Finance Committee

TIMETABLE FOR BY-ELECTION OF CONSEILLERS – 17th SEPTEMBER 2025

Fri 08 Aug 25 Notice in Sark Gazette Officielle and St. Peter's Church Notice Box of forthcoming election. Notice gives date and time when final nominations are to be received etc.

Nomination forms will be available online or for collection from the Speaker's office, prior to nominations opening, during the following hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

When completed, but not before 10am on Monday 01 September, the forms are to be delivered by one of the persons named on the form to the Speaker of Chief Pleas (Returning Officer). Completed forms can be returned between Monday 01 September and Thursday 04 September 2025 between 10am and 12noon and 1pm and 3pm. On Friday 05 September forms can be returned between 10am and 12noon.

Fri 29 Aug 25 Electoral Register closes and remains closed until the By-Election process is complete.

Mon 01 Sept 25 Nominations open at 10am.

A daily list of nominations received will be posted in Sark Gazette Officielle and St Peter's Church Notice Box; nominations will be listed in the order received.

Fri 05 Sept 25 Nominations to close at 12noon. [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 Friday 12 September 2025]

Fri 05 Sept 25 Notice in Sark Gazette Officielle and St Peter's Church Notice Box of Candidates with Proposers and Seconders.

Notice sent to the printers with the List of Candidates for the printing of Voting Papers.

Wed 17 Sept 25 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.)

Thur 18 Sept 25 Notice in Sark Gazette Officielle and St. Peter's Church Notice Box 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 further By-Election is to be held. (New Voting Papers are to be produced for the tied candidates and Notices of the further election are to be published in Sark Gazette Officielle and St. Peter's Church Notice Box, as for Wednesday 17 September)

Wed 24 Sept 25 Further By-Election re-run, only for candidates tied on 17 September 2025. (No other nominations allowed.)

Thur 25 Sept 25 Notice in Sark Gazette Officielle and St. Peter's Church Notice Box of Further Election Result.

Returning Officer
1st August 2025

The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election)

(Sark) Ordinance, 2025

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, and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, 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 when this Ordinance is made,
and

(b) occurring, for any reason, on or before Friday
29th August, 2025,

shall be held on Wednesday 17th September, 2025.

(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 24th September, 2025.

^a Order in Council No. V of 2008; this enactment has been amended.

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 29th August, 2025.

Citation.

3. This Ordinance may be cited as the Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2025.