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Bailiwick Commission Public Meeting – Island Hall - 30th April 6pm

You are warmly invited to a **public presentation on the Bailiwick Commission on Thursday 30th April at 6pm in the Island Hall**. Three members of the Commission, Sir Bob Neil KC, Dr. Caroline Morris and Philip Rycroft CB, will present an overview of the Commission and take questions from the public on its work.

This marks the first stage of a Bailiwick-wide conversation. We encourage everyone to take part and ensure that their voice is heard.

What is the Bailiwick Commission?

The Bailiwick Commission is an independent, expert-led review established jointly by Guernsey, Alderney and Sark. Its role is to examine the constitutional, economic and working relationships between the three islands and to make recommendations to their governments.

Once its investigations are complete, the Commission will publish a report setting out its findings and recommendations for consideration by the governments of the three islands. The Commission's final report is expected by the end of September 2027.

Public Engagement

A programme of public engagement is now starting, designed to stimulate a Bailiwick-wide conversation across our island communities. This will include engagement with individuals, organisations and civil society, ensuring that anyone who wishes to contribute has the opportunity to do so and that all Bailiwick voices are heard. This community input will help to inform the Commission's work and its eventual recommendations.

Public Survey

As a first step in this process, the **Commission has launched a public survey, which is open until 15 May 2026**. More detailed written submissions are also welcomed. Contact details and a link to the survey are **now available on the Commission's own website at**

www.gov.gg/bailiwickcommission and the Chief Pleas website. Paper copies of the survey are available on request.

The establishment of the Bailiwick Commission provides an important opportunity for those on Sark to engage with an independent panel of experts on the key challenges facing our community, including access to and the cost of healthcare and the delivery of services. While the concept of such a Commission is not new, building on previous dialogues such as those chaired by Lord Wolfson, what is different on this occasion is the clear emphasis on community involvement, which will be essential to its success.

How does this relate to Future Sark?

The Bailiwick Commission has been set up jointly by Guernsey, Alderney and Sark to undertake a comprehensive review of the constitutional, economic and working relationships between the three jurisdictions. Future Sark, by contrast, is a community-led process focused specifically on Sark. Its purpose is to help Islanders develop a clear, shared vision for Sark's future, reflecting local aspirations, challenges and opportunities.

The two processes are running in parallel and are mutually reinforcing. The community discussions, priorities and ideas emerging from Future Sark can help inform Sark's engagement with the Bailiwick Commission, ensuring that Sark's voice is clearly expressed in the Commission's work. At the same time, the Commission's analysis and recommendations about relationships, structures and responsibilities across the Bailiwick will provide important context for Future Sark, helping the community to understand the wider framework within which Sark operates.

Together, they provide an opportunity for Islanders both to shape Sark's own future vision and to contribute to wider decisions about how Sark works with Guernsey and Alderney, ensuring that local perspectives are heard at every level.