

## The Court of the Seneschal

Consultation in relation to “Extending the Bench”

15 responses were received by the Seneschal and Policy and Finance Committee. Some casual comments were also given by members of the public.

- Of the written submissions:-

6 of those were generally in favour of the proposal to extend the bench with the addition of a pool of persons to sit with the Seneschal to form a bench of three.

5 guardedly in favour, but considered that there should be more extensive reform of the Court, particularly in respect of legally trained assistance to the Court.

2 were against any change.

2 considered the present court not fit for purpose.

- Most considered that remuneration should be in the form of expenses only.
- No clear indication as to title. “Jure” favoured by some, including the present Seneschal, to avoid confusion with “Jurats” in Guernsey and Jersey.
- Most settled for appointment for 3 year terms.