POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE (P&F)

Summary of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30th September 2025 at 5pm in the Assembly Room

Present:

John Guille (JG) – Chairman
Natalie Tighe (NT) – Deputy Chair
Edric Baker (EB)
Carol Cragoe (CC)
Andrew Miller (AM) – via Teams (5pm – 6.10pm)
Sarah Hudson (SH) – Treasurer
Lynda Higgins (LH) – Deputy Treasurer
William Spooner (WS) – SOO

By Invitation:

Mike Locke, Chair of Douzaine Adrian Lewis (via Teams) Pat Cunneen	Members of the 2nd SOO Recruitment Panel (5pm – 5.40pm)

Jimmy Martin (JM), Chair of Harbours, Shipping & Pilotage Committee (5.40pm – 6.20pm)

PF124.25 Apologies:

Jolie Rose (JR)
Ali Bateson (AB) – CSO

PF125.25 2nd SOO Recruitment

The members of the recruitment panel and the Committee discussed the appointment of Rhys Rowlands as SOO. A second round of recruitment would be needed to find another SOO to replace WS who would be leaving in early 2026.

Mike Locke, Adrian Lewis and Pat Cunneen left the meeting at 5.40pm

JM joined the meeting at 5.40pm.

PF129.25 (a) IOSS NEDs (brought forward)

The Committee and JM agreed that a temporary Director would be appointed until permanent NEDs were recruited. The future constitution of the IOSS Board was discussed.

AM left the meeting at 6.10pm. JM left the meeting at 6.20pm

PF126.25 Minutes and matters arising from meeting 2nd September

i) **Direct Taxes late paper for Chief Pleas**

This would not be taken as a late paper to Michaelmas Chief Pleas but would go to the Budget Chief Pleas meeting instead.

Matters ongoing:

i) **Prevôt**
ii) **Reserves Policy**
iii) **IT/Telecoms**
iv) **New Tax Models**
v) **Shipping Registry**
vi) **Scrutiny/Tribunal panel amalgamation**
viii) **Drone legislation – designated area for practice**

All other actions were done.

JG signed off the minutes as correct.

PF127.25 Financial matters

a) **Budget 2026**

The Committee considered its budget for 2026.

PF128.25 Office matters

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting due to time constraints.

PF129.25 cont'd Items deferred from 16th September

b) **Brittany Summit 13th – 15th October**

The Committee agreed that NT would attend the Brittany Summit in St Malo in October.

c) **Bailiwick Commissioners**

The Committee agreed it needed more time to consider the suggestions for Bailiwick Commissioners and to think about who it wanted to nominate to be on its Commission.

PF130.25 New Items

a) **CPA Meeting**

As no-one from Sark would be attending the upcoming CPA meeting in Barbados, Guernsey's Greffier Simon Ross, who was attending, would be asked if he would be prepared to read out a statement on Sark's behalf.

The membership of the Sark Branch of the CPA would be voted on at Chief Pleas the following day.

b) Digimap
c) Alcohol production licence
d) APPG: 29th October

It was agreed to defer these items to the next meeting due to time constraints.

e) Allocation of Chief Pleas papers

The Committee agreed the reports would be introduced as follows:

i) Amendment to the Real Property (Transfer Tax, Charging and Related Provisions) (Sark) Law, 2007 – EB
ii) Amendments to the Members of Chief Pleas Code of Conduct – CC
iii) CPA Branch Contitution – NT
iv) Expenses Policy – CC
v) Policy Development Group Revised Remit – NT

PF131.25 AOB

a) Invoices for approval

The Committee approved the payment of invoices for IT support, SOO recruitment support and a carriage tour for the CPA visit.

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