

RESOLUTIONS of the CHRISTMAS MEETING of CHIEF PLEAS held on 21st January 2026.

1. **MATTERS ARISING from the Budget meeting of Chief Pleas held on 19th November 2025.**
There were none.
2. **QUESTIONS Not Related to the Business of the Day.**
Questions from Conseiller F. Makepeace to the Policy & Finance Committee.
3. **To CONSIDER a Report with Ordinance, Proposition and Timetable from the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “By-Election”.**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED**.
That Chief Pleas approves the draft ordinance entitled “The Reform (Election of Conseillers) (By-Election) (Sark) Ordinance, 2026”.
4. **To CONSIDER a Report with Ordinance, Propositions and Timetable from the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Deputy Speaker Election”.**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED**.
That Chief Pleas approve the draft Ordinance entitled “The Reform (Election of Deputy Speaker) (Sark) Ordinance, 2026”.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED**.
That Chief Pleas approve the term of office for the Deputy Speaker to be three years, commencing on 25th May 2026.
5. **To CONSIDER a Report with Ordinance and Proposition from the MEDICAL and EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE entitled “The Medicines (Human and Veterinary) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025”.**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED** as amended.
That Chief Pleas approves the draft Ordinance entitled “The Medicines (Human and Veterinary) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025”.
6. **To CONSIDER a Report with Projet de Loi and Proposition from the POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “The Direct Taxes (Sark) (Amendment) Law, 2026”.**
The Agenda Item was deferred.
7. **To CONSIDER a Report with Ordinance and Proposition from the TOURISM (INCL. PUBLIC HEALTH) COMMITTEE entitled “The Tourism (Accommodation Permits) (Fees) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026”.**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED** as amended.
That Chief Pleas approves the draft Ordinance entitled ‘The Tourism (Accommodation Permits) (Fees) (Sark) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026’.
8. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from CONSEILLER FRANK MAKEPEACE and CONSEILLER NICK MOLONEY entitled “Motion to require immediate compliance with the January 2019 resolution establishing a Scrutiny Committee”.**
Proposition 1 –
That Chief Pleas reaffirms that its resolution of January 2019 requiring the establishment of an independent Scrutiny Committee remains in full force and effect, and that no committee, officer, or informal body - including the Policy Development Group - has the authority to delay, reinterpret, or otherwise obstruct the implementation of a decision of Chief Pleas.

Proposition 2 –

That Chief Pleas directs that the Scrutiny Committee be constituted and populated at the Christmas 2025 meeting of Chief Pleas, strictly in accordance with the framework and membership principles agreed in January 2019, including the exclusion of Policy and Finance Committee members from membership.

Proposition 3 –

That Chief Pleas further directs that, once populated, the Scrutiny Committee shall be deemed operational immediately and may commence its work without the need for approval, oversight, or further proposal from the Policy and Finance Committee or any other committee.

Proposition 4 –

That Chief Pleas declares that no further discussion in the Policy Development Group or any other informal or advisory setting shall be considered relevant to, or capable of delaying, the implementation of this mandate.

The Report and Propositions were withdrawn.

9. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Revised Mandate for the Scrutiny Management Committee”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the revisions to the mandate of the Scrutiny Management Committee as defined in the attached paper.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the amendment of Section 4 of The Constitution and Operation of Chief Pleas Committees to allow the non-Chief Pleas members of the Scrutiny Management Committee to vote. No non-Chief Pleas members on other Committees shall have voting rights.

10. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Loan Facility Agreement”.**

The Agenda Item was deferred.

11. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests for Members of Chief Pleas”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas adopts the ‘Members of Chief Pleas Code of Conduct’, as attached.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas amends the Rules of Procedure to replace the reference to the Conseillers Code of Conduct to Members of Chief Pleas Code of Conduct.

Proposition 3 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas amends the Rules of Procedure so that Declaration of Interests apply to all Members of Chief Pleas.

12. **To CONSIDER an Information Report from the AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE entitled “Annual Information Report”.**

The Report was noted.

13. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE entitled “Sea Fisheries Report”.**

Proposition 1 –

That Chief Pleas directs the Agriculture, Environment & Sea Fisheries Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare legislation for a closed season from 20th March to 20th September for netting in the bays.

Proposition 2 –

That Chief Pleas directs the Agriculture, Environment & Sea Fisheries Committee to instruct the Law Officers of the Crown to prepare legislation for net restrictions for monofilament nets with maximum length of 100m and maximum height of 2m.

The Report and Propositions were withdrawn.

14. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE entitled “Marine Protected Area”.**

Proposition – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas agrees to the vision document entitled “Celebrating Sark’s Sea: A proposal to secure our marine life and a unique way of life at sea”, and directs the Agriculture, Environment & Sea Fisheries Committee to action the further necessary consultation in line with the vision document.

15. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the Douzaine entitled “Amendments to The Motor Vehicles (Sark) Regulations, 2014”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the amendment to the Motor Vehicles (Sark) Regulations, 2014 to specify how tractors are measured.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the amendment to the Motor Vehicles (Sark) Regulations, 2014 to update the driving licence and import application forms in the Motor Vehicle (Sark) Regulations, 2014, including updated tractor licencing codes.

16. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the DOUZAINE entitled “Amendments to the Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) Regulations, 2014”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the addition of La Coupée to the list of public roads where it is an offence to drive at a speed exceeding five miles an hour.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves an amendment to the Road Traffic Offences (Motor Vehicles and Bicycles) (Sark) Regulations, 2014 to restrict the speed of all motor vehicles as defined under the Motor Vehicles (Sark) Law, 2013, rather than just tractors, on the specified public roads.

17. **To CONSIDER an Information Report from the DOUZAINE entitled “Open Burning of Rubbish”.**

The Report was noted.

18. **To CONSIDER a Report with Proposition from the DOUZAINE entitled “Change to Mandate”.**

Proposition 1 – **CARRIED**.

That Chief Pleas approves the amended mandate, as attached.

19. **To CONSIDER a Report with Propositions from the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE entitled “Appointment of the Tax Assessor and the Deputy Tax Assessor”.**
Proposition 1 – **CARRIED**.
That Chief Pleas approves the appointment of Angela Lewis to the position of Tax Assessor for the Island of Sark.

Proposition 2 – **CARRIED**.
That Chief Pleas approves the appointment of Gemma Knight to the position of Deputy Tax Assessor for the Island of Sark.

20. **To CONSIDER an Information Report from the TOURISM (INCL. PUBLIC HEALTH) COMMITTEE entitled “Annual Report”.**
The Report was noted.

21. **To CONSIDER an Information Report from the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE entitled “Annual Report”.**
The Report was noted.

22. **COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: To elect Conseillers to Committees, as required.**
SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.
Conseillers C. Bateson, D. Curtis and P. Dewe were elected to the Committee.

23. **COMMITTEE and PANEL ELECTIONS: To elect Non-Chief Pleas Members and Panel Members to Committees and Panels, as required.**
POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.
Mr Simon Elmont was elected to the Committee as a Non-Chief Pleas Member.

24. **Under the Provisions of Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Chief Pleas of Sark, the Speaker of Chief Pleas has received the following item to be added to the agenda:**

LAID BEFORE

- The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) (Sark) Regulations, 2025
- Commissioner for Standards - Statement for Sark

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