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BILLET D'ÉTAT

WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY, 2016

ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT OF
THE POLICY & RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the States of Deliberation will be held at **THE ROYAL COURT HOUSE**, on **WEDNESDAY**, the **4th MAY, 2016** at **9.30 a.m.**, to consider the item contained in this Billet d'État which has been submitted for debate.

R. J. COLLAS
Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House
Guernsey

31st March 2016

ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The States are asked:-

I.- To elect a sitting Member of the States as President of the Policy & Resources Committee to serve until 30th June 2020 in accordance with Rule 16 of The Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation, as set out in Section 1 of The Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees.

(N.B. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Rule 16 of The Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation provide:-

“(3) Where, in any election by the States, the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies:

(a) voting shall be carried out by secret ballot;

(b) if two or more candidates secure an equal number of votes and the addition of one vote to his or her poll would have entitled any such candidate to be declared elected, a second ballot shall be held in respect of such candidates only; and where in such a second ballot the addition of one vote to his or her poll would have entitled a candidate to be declared elected, the Presiding Officer shall either rule that a further ballot, or, if necessary, further ballots, shall be held, or direct that the candidates shall draw lots to determine the matter;

(c) if there are more than two candidates for the office of President of a Committee and the candidate receiving the most votes does not receive a majority of the votes cast (disregarding any abstentions or spoilt papers), a further ballot, or ballots as required, shall be held, excluding every candidate who received fewer than six votes in the previous ballot or, when there are no such candidates, the candidate who received the fewest votes in the previous ballot;

(d) if two or more candidates having secured six votes or more are tied in polling the fewest votes, or if the process set out in subparagraph (c) would result in the elimination of all but one of the candidates, a further ballot shall be held in respect of such candidates only to determine which of them shall be eliminated from further ballots.

(4) On a proposition to elect a President of a Committee the Presiding Officer shall:

- (a) *first invite Members to propose eligible candidates. Candidates must be proposed and seconded. Nobody shall speak about a candidate at that stage;*
- (b) *invite, in respect of each candidate in turn (or the candidate if there is only one), first the proposer to speak for not more than five minutes and then the candidate to speak for not more than ten minutes and thereafter, if there are two or more candidates, allow Members to question the candidates;*

Provided that:

- i. *the question shall relate to areas of policy included in the mandate of the Committee;*
- ii. *no Member may ask more than one question, save that if before the expiration of the period prescribed in subparagraph vi there are no further questions, Members who have already asked a question may be permitted to ask further questions;*
- iii. *the questioner may not speak for more than 30 seconds;*
- iv. *each candidate shall be entitled to respond to each question, but no response shall exceed 1 minute;*
- v. *candidates shall answer the first question in the order in which they are nominated and thereafter the order of answering the questions shall, after each question has been answered by the candidates, be rotated by moving the name of the candidate at the top of the list to the bottom of that list;*
- vi. *the session shall conclude at the expiration of the period calculated by multiplying 15 minutes by the number of candidates; and*
- vii. *no Member shall be entitled to speak other than in accordance with the provisions of this subparagraph.”)*

(N.B. Pursuant to the new Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation there is no requirement on a proposition to elect a President of the Policy & Resources Committee (unlike a proposition to elect a Chief Minister in the past) for nominations to be made, in writing, to the Presiding Officer prior to the election meeting during a period set by the States’ Assembly and Constitution Committee. Instead, as stated in Rule 16 (4) above, on a

proposition to elect a President of a Committee the Presiding Officer shall first invite Members to propose eligible candidates (at the election meeting). Candidates must be proposed and seconded.)

(N.B. Pursuant to the Mandate of the Policy & Resources Committee, a President of the Committee shall not be the President or a member of any of the six Principal Committees or the President or a member of the Scrutiny Management Committee or the President or a member of the Development & Planning Authority or the President or a member of the Transport Licensing Authority.)