

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

**COMMITTEE *FOR* HOME AFFAIRS**

**POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION:**  
**NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER**

The States are asked to decide: -

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled “Police Complaints Commission: Notification of Resignation and Re-appointment of Member” dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021, they are of the opinion:

- 1 To note the resignation of Mrs Ann Nippers, as a member of the Police Complaints Commission with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
- 2 To re-appoint Mrs Alison Leonard as a member of the Police Complaints Commission for a further term of four years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

The above Propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications in accordance with Rule 4(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees.

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The Presiding Officer  
States of Guernsey  
Royal Court House  
St Peter Port

18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Sir

**1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Policy Letter is to note that Mrs Ann Nippers has resigned as a member of the Police Complaints Commission ('the Commission') with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and to approve the re- appointment of Mrs Alison Leonard as a member of the Commission with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 In 2005, the States of Deliberation approved the then Home Department's recommendation that legislation be introduced to establish a Police Complaints Commission<sup>1</sup>. The Police Complaints (Guernsey) Law, 2008<sup>2</sup>("the Law") came into effect on 1st July 2011, and the Commission was established.
- 2.2 The Committee *for* Home Affairs ("the Committee") would like to take this opportunity to put on record its thanks and appreciation to all the members of the Commission for their dedication and commitment to their roles.

**3 Constitution**

- 3.1 The Schedule to the Law sets out the composition of, and appointment process to, the Commission. The following parts are relevant.

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<sup>1</sup> [Billet d'État I, 2005](#)

<sup>2</sup> [The Police Complaints \(Guernsey\) Law, 2008](#)

- 3.2 Paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule states that *“The Commission shall consist of a Chairman and five ordinary members.”*
- 3.3 Paragraph 1(2) states that *“The Chairman and ordinary members shall be appointed by the States on the recommendation of the Committee”.*
- 3.4 Paragraph 3(1) states *“A member may resign from office at any time.”*
- 3.5 Paragraph 3(2) states that when a resignation is made to the Committee, *“the Committee will notify the States of it at the first available opportunity thereafter”.*
- 3.6 *Paragraph 5(3)* states that *“A quorum at any meeting is three members”.*

#### **4 Resignation of Member**

- 4.1 Mrs Ann Nippers has served as a member of the Commission since the commencement of the Law on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. She was re-appointed in 2012 and 2017.
- 4.2 Mrs Nippers has resigned with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
- 4.3 The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Nippers for her contribution and commitment over the last nine years.
- 4.4 This resignation leaves the Commission with three ordinary Members. The Committee hopes to be able to fill the two vacant positions this year.

#### **5 Re-appointment of Member**

- 5.1 Mrs Alison Leonard has served as a member of the Commission since her first appointment on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013, she was re-appointed on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 meaning that her term of office comes to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- 5.2 Mrs Leonard is a committed member of the Commission and has carried out her role with professionalism and integrity.
- 5.3 The Chairman of the Commission is satisfied that Mrs Leonard meets the prescribed criteria as set out in the Law, and has recommended this re-appointment to the Committee.
- 5.4 The Committee respectfully requests that the States re-appoint Mrs Leonard for a further term of 4 years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

## **6 Compliance with Rule 4**

- 6.1 In accordance with Rule 4(1), the Propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- 6.2 In accordance with Rule 4(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, it is confirmed that the propositions above have the unanimous support of the Committee.
- 6.3 In accordance with Rule 4(5), the Propositions relate to the duties of the Committee to advise the States and to develop and implement policies on matters relating to its purpose including law enforcement and policing.

Yours faithfully

R G Prow  
President

S P J Vermeulen  
Vice-President

M P Leadbeater  
C J Le Tissier  
A W Taylor