

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

**STATES' TRADING SUPERVISORY BOARD**

**CHANGE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE GUERNSEY PILOTAGE BOARD**

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter dated, entitled "Change to the composition of the Guernsey Pilotage Board", dated 1 April 2021, of the States' Trading Supervisory Board, they are of the opinion:-

1. To agree that the composition of the Pilotage Board should be amended by reducing the representation thereon of the States' Trading Supervisory Board, and that this should be achieved by the repeal of paragraph (b) of section 3 of the Pilotage Ordinance, 1967.
2. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decision.

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

1 April 2021

Dear Sir

**1 Executive Summary**

1.1 The composition of the Guernsey Pilotage Board is laid down in the Pilotage Ordinance, 1967. It is proposed that this be amended to reflect the reduced role of the Pilotage Board.

**2 Background**

2.1 The Guernsey Pilotage Board has functioned with its current composition since 1946. It was established to ensure oversight of what was, at the time, a competitive business with independent pilots vying for trade from visiting vessels, and being paid directly for such services.

2.2 The harbour pilots are now organised as a single entity, albeit each pilot remains self-employed. Their revenue is collected and distributed through the Harbour accounts and charges are fixed, set and monitored by the States.

2,3 This Pilotage Board issues General and Special Pilotage Licenses to suitable qualified and experienced Masters and can also revoke or suspend the same. In practice this authority is delegated to the States Harbourmaster.

2.4 The Pilotage Ordinance, 1967 directs the States' Trading Supervisory Board ("STSB") to establish and constitute the Pilotage Board, and mandates its constitution. That constitution currently includes 2 members of STSB (one of whom is the President, a third person nominated by STSB, 2 members nominated by the pilots, 2 members nominated by the Commercial Ports user group, and the Harbourmaster.

- 2.5 It is the view of STSB that this composition is too large and that, in particular, the representation of STSB is disproportionate to its task.
- 2.6 Section 3 of the Ordinance sets out the composition of the Pilotage Board, as set out above. Paragraph (b) of that section provides that the Pilotage Board shall have at least two members who are appointed by STSB, one of whom shall be a member of STSB. It is the view of STSB that this paragraph should be repealed.

### **3 Recommendation**

- 3.1. It is recommended that the Pilotage Ordinance, 1967 be amended to reduce the size of the Pilotage Board and the representation of STSB on it, by the repeal of paragraph (b) of section 3.

### **4 Compliance with Rule 4**

- 4.1 Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees sets out the information which must be included in, or appended to, motions laid before the States.
- 4.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1), the Propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- 4.3 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 STSB.
- 4.4 In accordance with Rule 4(5), the Propositions relate to the duties of the Committee on behalf of the States, as the nominate Board within the Pilotage Ordinance, 1967.
- 4.5 Also in accordance with Rule 4(5), STSB consulted with the Chief Pilot and the Harbourmaster.

Yours faithfully

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President

C N K Parkinson  
Vice-President

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Member

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Non-States Member

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