

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023****The Scrutiny Management Committee launches its review of Island Wide Voting**

The Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) is today launching its review of Island Wide Voting. The first-ever Island Wide Voting General Election took place in October 2020. The Review will look to evaluate the success of the changes made. It will seek feedback from the community and consider the demonstrable and perceived advantages and disadvantages of the Island Wide Voting election process. The Review will feed into the Reshaping Government review (Priority 4 of the Government Work Plan). The SMC will work closely with the States Assembly & Constitution Committee (SACC) on this review.

The SMC will create a panel to undertake the Review comprising Deputy Yvonne Burford (SMC President), Deputy Carl Meerveld (SACC President), Deputy Simon Fairclough (SMC Vice-President and Member of SACC), Advocate Chris Green (a former SMC President) and Michelle Le Clerc (a former Public Accounts Committee Vice-President and former SACC member). The Review is commencing today with a Call for Evidence, the first stage of the Review, which will seek submissions from all interested parties, a process which will extend until **24th March 2023**.

The Panel will explore evidence submitted, undertake further research and conduct public hearing(s) to gain additional evidence to support the review process. The Review will make evidence-based recommendations for future action detailed in a report which will be released into the public domain at the conclusion of the Review. This review will not propose any changes to the General Election scheduled to be held in 2025.

Deputy Yvonne Burford, President of the Scrutiny Management Committee and Chair of its Review Panel, said:

*“Guernsey’s first General Election by full Island Wide Voting was held in October 2020. My Committee considers that such a substantial change to the way we elect our Government should be reviewed and feedback from the community should be sought in order to inform the operation of General Elections beyond 2025. We want to hear from the public and all interested parties, and we will be launching a call for submissions imminently”.*

Guidance on how to make a submission and the full Terms of Reference for this review can be found on the Scrutiny Management Committee’s website [www.gov.gg/scrutiny](http://www.gov.gg/scrutiny).

The deadline for all initial evidence submissions is **24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

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