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WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2014

ELECTION OF A
CHIEF MINISTER

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

I hereby give notice, pursuant to Rule 1 (4) of the Rules of Procedure, that a Meeting of the States of Deliberation will be held at **THE ROYAL COURT HOUSE**, on **WEDNESDAY**, the **12th March, 2014** 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
26th February 2014

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The States are asked:-

To elect a sitting Member of the States as Chief Minister to complete the unexpired portion of the term of office of Deputy Peter Andrew Harwood, who has resigned from that office, namely to serve until May 2016, in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

Deputy Harwood's letter to the Presiding Officer, dated 25th February 2014, was in the following terms:

"Pursuant to Paragraph 7(3) of the Rules of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees it is with regret that I hereby tender my resignation from the office of Chief Minister of the States of Guernsey."

Paragraph 7(3) of the aforementioned Rules states:-

"If the Chief Minister ... resigns from that office in a letter to the Presiding Officer, the resignation shall take effect automatically on the election by the States of a successor to the office vacated. No debate shall be held on the matter of the resignation."

Paragraph (3) of Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation states: -

(3) On a proposition to elect a Chief Minister:

- (a) nominations shall not be accepted unless they have been notified in writing to the Presiding Officer, during such period prior to the election meeting as shall be determined and published by the States Assembly and Constitution Committee, in accordance with this paragraph;
- (b) any such notification between the date of a General Election of People's Deputies and the 1st May next following may only be given by a person elected (or re-elected) in that General Election or by one of the Alderney Representatives in the States of Deliberation;
- (c) the Presiding Officer shall cause each such notification duly given to be posted in the Royal Court House as soon as possible after its receipt;
- (d) at the election meeting, before voting takes place the Presiding Officer shall —
 - (i) invite each candidate (or the candidate if there is only one) to speak for not more than 5 minutes and thereafter, if there are two or more candidates;
 - (ii) allow Members to question the candidates, provided that
 - (1) the question shall relate to areas of policy included in the mandates of the Policy Council;

- (2) no Member may ask more than one question, save that if before the expiration of the period prescribed in sub-paragraph 6 there are no further questions, Members who have already asked a question may be permitted to ask further questions;
- (3) the questioner may not speak for more than 30 seconds;
- (4) each candidate shall be entitled to respond to each question, but no response shall exceed 1 minute;
- (5) 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;
- (6) the session shall conclude at the expiration of the period calculated by multiplying 30 minutes by the number of candidates; and
- (7) no Member shall be entitled to speak other than in accordance with the provisions of this sub-paragraph.

Pursuant to sub-paragraph (3)(a) of Rule 20, the States Assembly and Constitution Committee has determined that nominations for the office of Chief Minister may be accepted during the period commencing at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 27th February 2014 and ending at 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 6th March 2014.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Bailiff's Office.