

## TERRY LE SUEUR



*Mr Terry Le Sueur OBE was a member of the States of Jersey for 24 years, both before and after the major structural reforms of the States in 2005. Mr Le Sueur served as Jersey's Chief Minister before retiring in 2011.*

"I consider these to be a coherent set of proposals which, if approved, will significantly improve Guernsey's system of government.

Members should learn from experience elsewhere and resist the urge to 'cherry-pick' individual elements. The proposals hang together as a carefully thought-out package.

I believe that after nearly two years of detailed interviews, research and discussions we have come up with a set of proposals which, taken as a whole, form the blueprint for a significant improvement to Guernsey's system of government. They have been designed by States' Members for States' Members and recognise the local political reality with the individuality of each States' Member and the absence of any party policies for the electorate to consider.

I have been happy to contribute to these proposals from a different Island perspective and, whilst there is no one perfect system, I believe that these proposals are the appropriate remedy for some of the imperfections in the present system and will produce a significantly improved regime unique to Guernsey, based on the further evolution of centuries of local tradition."

**"These proposals are appropriate for Guernsey's particular situation, and produce the best workable solution in the local context and in the absence of party politics. They recognise the rights and responsibilities of individual States Members together with the supremacy of the States of Deliberation."**



## CLAIRE SMITH

*Mrs Claire Smith is a Solicitor and when she joined the Committee she was Senior Associate of Spicer & Partners Guernsey LLP. Mrs Smith is now Principal Associate with Eversheds LLP. She has extensive experience of UK Public Law and the governance arrangements of local government in the UK.*

*“As a planning lawyer with extensive experience of advising English local authorities on their governance arrangements, I was keen to be involved in*

the review of the present structure of the States when I moved with my family to Guernsey in 2012. In England, under the process set out in the Localism Act 2011 local authorities were empowered to review their decision making processes enabling them to either maintain their existing executive model of governance or allowing them to change back to a committee system, to move to a mayor cabinet model or adopt an alternative ‘hybrid’ arrangement. The majority chose to remain with their executive model of governance but a number of larger local authorities opted to return to a committee based or hybrid system.

When I began my journey with my States’ Review Committee member colleagues I felt certain based on my previous experience that an executive model would be the best system for Guernsey or at the very least a hybrid executive-committee system if the States could not be persuaded to fully abandon its committee traditions. However, two years later I find I have developed an in-depth understanding and respect for the Guernsey committee system, which on the whole functions extremely well and is the best system of governance to meet the challenges facing the island now and in the future.”

**“It is with the goal in mind of better supporting the States in serving the people of Guernsey that we are proposing a package of reforms to the current committee system that are tailored to the Guernsey way of doing things. No one is more surprised than me to find me adding my voice to the unanimous review committee support for an improved committee system.”**