IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 27th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015

The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XXII dated 20th October 2015

STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATES OF DELIBERATION AND THEIR COMMITTEES - PROPOSED NEW RULES

- I.- After consideration of the Policy Letter dated 19th October 2015, of the States' Assembly and Constitution Committee:-
- 1. To agree that, with effect from 1st May 2016, the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees shall be as set out in Appendix 1 to this Policy Letter, conditional upon the States approving at their January, 2016 Meeting, with or without amendment, recommendations presented by the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee in relation to the sections of the Rules of Procedure in Appendix 1 which are shown underlined in that report, and subject to the following alterations:

in the first line of the Rules, add a comma after "November";

in the index of section 1, replace "1(5)" with "1(2)" and replace "8(3)" with "8(5)";

in rule 10(2)(b), insert "other" between "such" and "time";

in rule 11(7), replace the semi-colon with a colon and replace the first comma with a semi-colon;

in rule 14(3), delete all the words from and including "inspection" and substitute therefor "public inspection whenever the Greffe is open for normal business";

in rule 19(5)(b), replace "meeting" with "Meeting";

in rule 20(3), in the penultimate line insert "a" after "such";

in rule 21(4)(a), in the second line replace "on the basis of" with "of the basis on";

in rule 24(2), replace sub-paragraph (e) with three separate sub-paragraphs designated (e), (f) and (g) and designate the words relating to a Policy & Resource Plan as sub-paragraph (e), the words relating to a Strategic Land Use Plan as sub-paragraph (f) and the words relating to a Development Plan, Subject Plan or Local Planning Brief as sub-paragraph (g);

in rule 24(10), in the first line replace "(e)" with "(g)"; add a comma immediately after the words "("the Authority")"; and in sub-paragraph (c) delete the words up to and including "before" on the first occasion on which it appears and substitute therefor "the Authority has caused to be submitted to", and also in sub-paragraph (c) delete "within paragraph (2)(e)";

in rule 26(1), delete the pre-antepenultimate comma;

in rule 40(5), add a comma after "May" and a comma after "2016";

in rules 51 and 52, replace "Article" with "article";

in rules 58 and 60, replace "committee" with "Committee" and replace "committees" with "Committees";

in rule 59, replace "Performance" with "performance";

in rule 60, at the end of the first proviso replace "and" with a semi-colon;

re-designate rules as follows: 54 as 54(1); 55 as 54(2); 56 as 54(3); 57 as 55; 58 as 56; 59 as 57; 60 as 58; 61 as 59; and 62 as 60; and make consequential changes to the index of section 2;

and subject to the addition immediately after draft rule 24(2)(e) of: " : or

(f) to the annual policy letter proposing social insurance rates of contribution and benefits";

and subject to the replacement in draft rule 26(1) of "The Presiding Officer shall immediately put the said request to the vote" with "Members who would be entitled to speak and who would intend to speak should the debate continue shall be invited by the Presiding Officer to stand in their places, and thereafter the Presiding Officer shall ask the Member making the request to close the debate whether he or she still so requests, and if he or she does still so request the Presiding Officer shall put the said request to the vote".

1A. To note that the mandates of committees of the States with effect from the 1st of May, 2016 which are set out in this Policy Letter at Appendix A to the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees replicate without

exception the mandates of committees recommended to the States by the States' Review Committee on Billet d'État XXI of 2015; and to direct that when the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee reports to the States at their January, 2016 Meeting it shall lay before the States any alterations to Appendix A to the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees which have become necessary as a result of the States approving amended Propositions on Billet d'État XXI of 2015 with regard to the constitutions, responsibilities, operational functions etc. of committees.

- 2. To agree that the recommendations to be presented to the States by the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee in January, 2016 in respect of Rules relating to the submission of policy letters and related matters shall be based on the proposals contained in the section of that policy letter headed 'Submission of items for consideration by the States'.
- 3. To agree that States' Meetings between the 1st May, 2016 and the 31st August, 2017 shall begin on the dates set out in Schedule 1 of that Policy Letter and subject to the addition immediately after June 29th, Schedule 1, the following:

"(the inaugural States of Guernsey Accounts Meeting (thereafter scheduled annually at the beginning of the Meeting prior to the summer recess), followed by the ordinary Meeting.)"

and subject to the addition immediately after June 28th, Schedule 1, the following:

"(States of Guernsey Accounts Meeting followed by the ordinary Meeting)".

A. J. NICOLLE HER MAJESTY'S DEPUTY GREFFIER