

**CHARTER
BETWEEN
THE STATES OF GUERNSEY
AND
THE PARISH DOUZAINES**

INTRODUCTION

1. This Charter is an agreement between the States of Guernsey and the Douzaines setting out how they aim to work together for the benefit of parishioners. It is a means of confirming existing good practice.
2. The States acknowledge that the Douzaines are the grass-roots level of government and by working with them aim to act in partnership with the parishes, whilst balancing the needs of the whole island.
3. As democratically accountable bodies, the Douzaines offer a means of shaping the decisions that affect their parishes. They offer a means of decentralising the provision of certain services and of strengthening parishes. In turn, the Douzaines recognise the strategic rôle of the States and the equitable distribution of services which they have to achieve.
4. This Charter reflects the importance attached by the States to working in partnership with the Douzaines.

SUSTAINABILITY

5. The States will work in partnership with all Douzaines to promote sustainable social, economic and environmental policies for the benefit of the parishes.

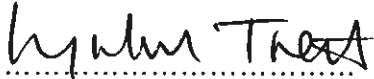
CONSULTATION

6. The States will give Douzaines the opportunity to comment before making a decision which affects the parish(es). In furtherance of this, the States will continue to circulate Billets d'État and their public reports to Douzeniers at the same time as they are sent to members of the States. Douzaines are encouraged to comment directly to the relevant States body.

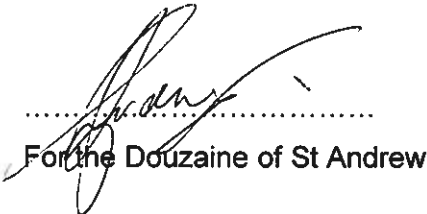
7. When the States consult Douzaines, they will provide them with sufficient information to enable them to reach an informed view on the matter, and give them adequate time to respond, in accordance with statutory requirements when applicable.

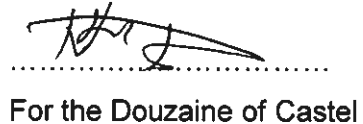
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised in that behalf by the respective Parties, have signed the Charter.

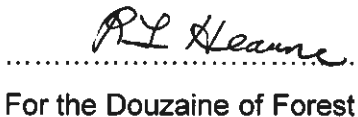
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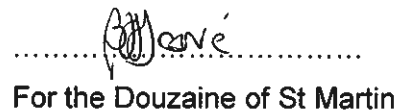


For the Policy Council
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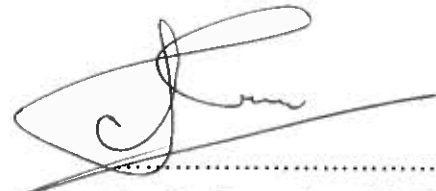

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For the Douzaine of St Andrew



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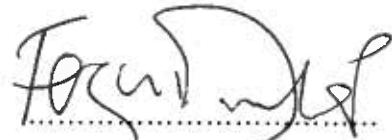

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For the Douzaine of Forest



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For the Douzaine of St Martin



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For the Douzaine of St Peter Port


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For the Douzaine of Vale