

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *FOR THE* ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

PLANNING PANEL – RE-ELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled "Planning Panel - Re-election of Professional Members" dated 15th January 2018 they are of the opinion:-

1. To elect Mrs. Linda Wride as a professional member of the Planning Panel, in accordance with section 86 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005, for a term of six years to take effect from 1st March, 2018.
2. To elect Mr. Jonathan King as a professional member of the Planning Panel, in accordance with section 86 of the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005, for a term of six years to take effect from 1st March, 2018.

The above Propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications in accordance with Rule 4(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees.

COMMITTEE *for the* ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

PLANNING PANEL – RE-ELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

The Presiding Officer
States of Guernsey
Royal Court House
St Peter Port
Guernsey

15th January 2018

Dear Sir

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this Policy Letter is to ask the States to:

- a) Re-elect Jonathan King as a Professional Member of the Planning Panel (“the Panel”); and
- b) Re-elect Linda Wride as a Professional Member of the Panel.

2. Background

2.1 The Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 (“the 2005 Law”) came into force on 6th April 2009. Section 86 of the 2005 Law explains the requirements for establishing the Planning Panel:

Establishment of Planning Panel.

- 86.** (1) *The States shall, on the recommendation of the Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure, draw up and maintain a panel to be called the Planning Panel which shall consist of nine independent persons and from which the members of the Planning Tribunal shall, from time to time, be appointed.*
- (2) *A recommendation of the Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure under subsection (1) may be amended by resolution of the States to the intent that persons other than those recommended by the Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure may be elected to the Planning Panel.*
- (3) *Of the members of the Planning Panel –*

- (a) *not less than four shall be permanently resident within the Channel Islands,*
- (b) *not less than two, who shall be designated by States' resolution as the "**professional members**", shall be persons with such qualifications and experience in planning matters as in the opinion of the States is necessary for the hearing and determination of appeals to the Planning Tribunal,*
- (c) *one shall be designated by States' resolution as the Chairman of the Planning Panel, and*
- (d) *one shall be designated by States' resolution as the Deputy Chairman thereof.*
- (4) *The members of the Planning Panel shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (5), hold office for a term of six years, and a person may be elected for more than one term of office.*

Such appointments are made by the States, following a recommendation of the Committee *for the Environment & Infrastructure* as outlined above.

2.2 Under the provisions of Section 4 of the Land Planning and Development (Appeals) Ordinance, 2007, the following individuals are precluded from serving as a member of the Panel:

- (a) a Member of the States of Deliberation within the meaning of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948;
- (b) an employee of the States who is employed by the States within the Development & Planning Authority, a member of the Authority or a person who carries out work for, or provides services to the Authority in relation to any functions of the Authority under the 2005 Law or the repealed enactments¹,
- (c) ...
- (d) a person who holds appointment to any judicial office in Guernsey; or
- (e) any person who has been such a person at any time within the period of two years ending on the date of the proposed election.

2.3 In March 2017, Mr King and Mrs Wride were elected by the States of Deliberation as profession members of the Panel for a six year period (Article V of Billet d'État III of 2012 refers).

2.4 Mr King and Mrs Wride have indicated that they are willing to serve a further term as professional members of the Panel. Both have sat on a large number of Planning Tribunals since their election in 2012 and have also attended the

¹ This refers to the previous planning legislation. The reference was relevant when the current legislation first came into force as work was being carried out under the former legislation as part of transitional arrangements.

Panel's annual training days and other training provided locally for Panel members. In 2015, both Mr King and Mrs Wride were appointed as Planning Inspectors in Jersey.

2.5 The Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure is pleased to support the re-election of both Mr King and Mrs Wride to the Panel. The Committee notes that the re-appointment of Mr King and Mrs Wride is also fully supported by the Panel's Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

2.6 Short CVs for Mr King and Mrs Wride are attached to this Policy Letter at Appendix 1, setting out their relevant planning experience.

3. Compliance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees

3.2 In accordance with Rule 4(4), it is confirmed that the propositions accompanying this Policy Letter have the unanimous support of the Committee.

3.3 In accordance with Rule 4(5), the propositions accompanying this Policy Letter relate to the Committee's purpose and policy responsibilities as it has a statutory duty under the Land Planning and Development (Guernsey) Law, 2005 to appoint members to the Planning Panel.

4. Conclusions

4.1 The Committee seeks the States support for the re-election of Mr Jonathan King and Mrs Linda Wride as professional members of the Planning Panel for a further six-year term.

Yours faithfully

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President

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APPENDIX 1

Curriculum Vitae for Mr Jonathan King

Mr King was educated at Manchester University, graduating with degree in Geography in 1974, and at the City of Birmingham Polytechnic where he achieved a Diploma in Town Planning in 1979. He was elected as a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 1980.

From 1975 he worked as a professional town planner for over 20 years in English local government, becoming Team Leader (Development Control) at Nottinghamshire County Council. From 1996 until his retirement in 2017 he was employed by the Planning Inspectorate, rising to the position of Principal Inspector. In these positions, he gained considerable experience in town and country planning at a senior level, including conducting appeal Hearings and Inquiries and the Examination of Local Development Plans.

Alongside his work in the UK, he was appointed as a Professional Member of the Guernsey Planning Appeals Panel in 2012 and as a Jersey Planning Inspector in 2015.

Since retirement from the Planning Inspectorate in 2017, he has worked for a private company where he is engaged on the Examination of Neighbourhood Plans in England; and he has also provided training to local authority planners.

Curriculum Vitae for Mrs Linda Wride

Linda Wride is a chartered town planner and has been a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute since 1976. She holds a Diploma in Town Planning from Oxford Polytechnic.

In March 2011, she took early retirement from the UK Planning Inspectorate, having worked as a Senior Planning Inspector for 9 years. During her employment with the Planning Inspectorate, Mrs. Wride developed specialisms in design, historic buildings heritage, telecommunications and advertisement control.

Prior to joining the Planning Inspectorate, Mrs. Wride was employed by Oxford City Council, including 12 years as Head of Planning Control and Conservation.

She currently runs her own UK-based planning consultancy and is also employed by the States of Jersey as an Inspector reporting to the Minister on planning appeals.

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15th January 2018

Dear Sir,

“Planning Panel – Re-election of Professional Members”

In accordance with Rule 4(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure requests that the above Proposition relating to the re-election of professional members to the Planning Panel be considered by the States of Deliberation at its meeting on Wednesday 28th February, 2018.

The request is made to ensure that Mr King and Mrs Wride are re-elected before the expiry of their current term of office on 28th February 2018.

Yours faithfully

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