

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

**COMMITTEE *FOR* HOME AFFAIRS**

**INDEPENDENT MONITORING PANEL – APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRPERSON**

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether, after consideration of the Independent Monitoring Panel – Appointment of a Chairperson Policy Letter they are of the opinion:-

1. To note the resignation of Mrs Wendy Meade as the Chairperson of the Independent Monitoring Panel with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
2. To note the resignation of Ms Gillian Darling as an ordinary member.
3. To note the appointment of Mr Anthony (Tony) Talmage as Chairperson of the Independent Monitoring Panel, with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> June 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.

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

1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Sir

**1      Executive Summary**

- 1.1      The purpose of this Policy Letter is to propose the appointment of Mr Anthony (Tony) Talmage as the new Chairperson of the Independent Monitoring Panel ("the Panel").

**2      Background**

- 2.1      The Panel is an independent body made up of members of the public who make unannounced visits to Guernsey Prison. Members provide independent oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Prison and prison conditions, monitor the administration of the prison, the treatment of prisoners and whether the statutory objectives of the prison system are being met, and serve to protect the well-being of prisoners.
- 2.2      The Panel must be constituted of at least four members with one member being elected by members to act as chairperson, with the consent of the Committee *for* Home Affairs. The elected chairperson will preside until the end of their term of office.

**3      Appointment of a new Chairperson**

- 3.1      Schedule 3 of the Prison (Guernsey) Ordinance 2013 states that following the appointment of a new chairperson, the Committee *for* Home Affairs must notify the States of the new appointment at the first available opportunity.
- 3.2      Mrs Wendy Meade gave notice of her resignation on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The

Committee acknowledged this at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

- 3.3 Mrs Meade has been a Panel Member since 2007 and was appointed as Chair of the Panel by the States of Deliberation on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Mrs Meade will continue as an Ordinary Member.
- 3.4 The Committee would like to take this opportunity to put on public record its thanks and appreciation to Mrs Meade for her valuable contribution to the Panel in the role of Chair for the last three and half years. Mrs Meade has been committed and dedicated to the role and has been instrumental in developing relationships between the Panel and the prison management.
- 3.5 Mr Talmage was proposed by Mrs Meade for the role of Panel Chair and he was voted unanimously to the role of the Chair with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The Committee consented to this appointment at its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.
- 3.6 Mr Talmage was first appointed as an Ordinary Member by the States of Deliberation on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Since that time Mr Talmage has been dedicated to the role, he has demonstrated excellent communication and listening skills and has shown a commitment to ensuring the rights of all individuals are respected.
- 3.7 Mr Talmage will act as the Chair for the remainder of his term of office which will end on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Mr Talmage has indicated that he would wish to be re-appointed should his fellow Panel Members and the Committee be supportive of this a Policy Letter dealing with the re-appointment of members of the Panel will be forthcoming.

#### **4 Resignation of Ordinary Members**

- 4.1 Schedule 3 of the Prison (Guernsey) Ordinance 2013 also states that the Committee *for* Home Affairs must notify the States of the resignation of any other member of the Panel at the first available opportunity.
- 4.2 Ms Gillian Darling gave notice of her resignation on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

#### **5 Compliance with Rule 4**

- 5.1 Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees sets out the information which must be included in, or appended to, motions laid before the States.
- 5.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1), the Propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications. She

has advised that there is no reason in law why the Propositions should not to be put into effect / other.

- 5.3 In accordance with Rule 4(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, it is confirmed that the propositions above have the unanimous support of the Committee.
- 5.4 In accordance with Rule 4(5), the Propositions relate to the duties of the Committee *“to advise the States and to develop and implement policies on matters relating to its purpose, including: [...] 7. Imprisonment, parole, probation and rehabilitation.”*
- 5.5 Also in accordance with Rule 4(5), the Committee consulted The Law Officers of the Crown.

Yours faithfully

M M Lowe  
President

R G Prow  
Vice President

R H Graham  
M P Leadbeater  
V S Oliver