Note on Politically Exposed Persons ('PEPs')

The Proceeds of Crime Law requires the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC) to publish a list of prominent public positions within the Bailiwick which it considers will be classed as domestic PEPs.

The aforementioned legislation is a key component of the Bailiwick's regime for preventing and deterring money laundering and terrorist financing and meeting International Standards for combatting these issues which have been issued by Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

The definition of a PEP, as determined by the FATF, is an individual who is or has been entrusted with a prominent public function, including for example heads of state or government, senior politicians, senior government officials, senior members of the judiciary, senior military officers, senior executives of state owned corporations and important political party officials. The definition also captures the post-holders immediate family members (such as their spouse, partner, parent, child and sibling) and close associates who maintain a close business relationship or are in a position to conduct substantial financial transactions on behalf of the post-holder.

In respect of Guernsey, included under the category of 'senior executives of state owned corporations' are the posts of Chairman, Chief Executive and Finance Director (or equivalent) of: Guernsey Electricity Limited; Guernsey Post Limited; Aurigny Air Services Limited; and, Jamesco 750 Limited. Consequently, anyone appointed to these roles would be included on the list of PEPs and would be subject to the increased financial scrutiny this will entail.

Further information regarding this matter is available from the GFSC.