

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *FOR* HOME AFFAIRS

POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION:
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND NOTIFICATION OF RESIGNATION

The States are asked to decide: -

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter dated 20th January 2020, of the Committee *for* Home Affairs, they are of the opinion:

- 1 to note the resignation of Mr Stewart Chisholm as Chairman, of the Police Complaints Commission with effect from 1st January 2020 and as Member of the Police Complaints Commission with effect from 1st March 2020.
- 2 to appoint Mr Robert Steven Jordan as the Chairman of the Police Complaints Commission with immediate effect for a term of four years.

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

20th January 2020

Dear Sir

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is note that Mr Stewart Chisholm has resigned as Chairman of the Police Complaints Commission ('the Commission') with effect from 1st January 2020 and will resigned as an ordinary member with effect from 1st March 2020 and to approve the appointment of Mr Robert Steven Jordan as Chairman of the Commission.

2. Background

2.1 In 2005, the States of Deliberation approved the then Home Department's recommendation that legislation be introduced to establish a Police Complaints Commission (Billet d'Etat I, 2005¹). The Police Complaints (Guernsey) Law, 2008 ²("the Law") came into effect on 1st July 2011, and the Commission was established.

2.2 The Committee *for* Home Affairs ("the Committee") would like to take this opportunity to put on record its thanks and appreciation to all the Commissioners for their patience, dedication and commitment to their roles.

3. Constitution

¹ [Billet d'Etat I, 2005](#)

² [The Police Complaints \(Guernsey\) Law, 2008](#)

- 3.1 The Schedule to the Law sets out the composition of, and appointment process to, the Commission. The following parts are relevant.
- 3.2 Paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule states that *“The Commission shall consist of a Chairman and five ordinary members.”*
- 3.3 Paragraph 1(2) states that *“The Chairman and ordinary members shall be appointed by the States on the recommendation of the Committee”.*
- 3.4 Paragraph 3(1) states *“A member may resign from office at any time.”*
- 3.5 Paragraph 3(2) states that when a resignation is made to the Committee, *“the Committee will notify the States of it at the first available opportunity thereafter”.*

4. Resignation of Chairman

- 4.1 Mr Stewart Chisholm has served as the Chairman of the Commission since the commencement of the Law on 1st July 2011. He was reappointed in 2015 and 2019.
- 4.2 Mr Chisholm has resigned as Chairman with effect from 1st January 2020 and will cease acting as ordinary member with effect from 1st March 2020.
- 4.3 The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Chisholm for his eight year tenure on the Commission and for role he has had in identifying areas of improvement within the Law and in developing relationships.

5. Appointment of Chairman

- 5.1 Mr Robert Steven Jordan has served as ordinary member of the Commission since 18th July 2018.
- 5.2 Mr Jordan is a senior manager at an international securities firm based in Zurich, which has offices in Guernsey. Mr Jordan He has experience in recruitment, management, mediation and is familiar with investigating in depth issues, ensuring compliance and due diligence. Mr Jordan deals with sensitive and confidential information with integrity, assessing and making decisions at the highest level. Mr Jordan has useful knowledge in dealing with Anti Money Laundering, Cyber-crime and IT Forensics as part of his MLRO (Money Laundering Reporting Officer) role.
- 5.3 Mr Jordan has been a volunteer at St John Ambulance & Rescue Service for the past 13 years serving as a Community First Responder and on the Cliff Rescue Team. This has given him a wide range of skills and has enabled him to develop expertise and has enabled him to develop broader skills. Mr Jordan has experience of working with many different people from all walks of life and

believes that everyone has a place in our community.

5.4 The Committee has met with Mr Jordan and is satisfied of his suitability for appointment.

6. Compliance with Rule 4

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

6.3 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 law enforcement and policing.

Yours faithfully

M M Lowe
President

M P Leadbeater
Vice-President

V Oliver
P R Le Pelley
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