

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *FOR* HOME AFFAIRS

**POLICE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION:
RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER**

The States are asked to decide: -

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled “Police Complaints Commission: Re-appointment of Member” dated 15th March 2021, they are of the opinion:

- 1 To re-appoint Mrs Bonita Hamilton as a member of the Police Complaints Commission for a further term of four years with effect from 1st July 2021.

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

15th March 2021

Dear Sir

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this Policy Letter is to approve the re- appointment of Mrs Bonita Hamilton as a member of the Police Complaints Commission ('the Commission') with effect from 1st July 2021.

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 Commission¹. The Police Complaints (Guernsey) Law, 2008²("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 members of the Commission for their dedication and commitment to their roles.

3 Constitution

- 3.1 The Schedule to the Law sets out the composition of, and appointment process to, the Commission. The following parts are relevant.

¹ [Billet d'État I, 2005](#)

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

- 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 5(3) states that *‘A quorum at any meeting is three members’*

4 Re-appointment of Member

- 5.1 Mrs Bonita Hamilton has served as a member of the Commission since its commencement on 1st July 2011, she was re-appointed in June 2013 and again in 2017 meaning that her term of office comes to an end on 30th June 2021.
- 5.2 Mrs Hamilton is a committed member of the Commission and has carried out her role with professionalism and integrity.
- 5.3 The Chairman of the Commission is satisfied that Mrs Hamilton meets the prescribed criteria as set out in the Law, and has recommended this re-appointment to the Committee.
- 5.4 The Committee respectfully requests that the States re-appoint Mrs Hamilton for a further term of 4 years with effect from 1st July 2021.

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.
- 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

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President

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Vice-President

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