

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *FOR* HOME AFFAIRS

INDEPENDENT MONITORING PANEL: NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF
CHAIRPERSON, RESIGNATION AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

The States are asked to decide: -

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled 'Independent Monitoring Panel: Notification of appointment of Chairperson, resignation and re-appointment of Members' dated 6th April 2022, of the Committee *for* Home Affairs, they are of the opinion:-

1. To note the appointment of Mrs Andrea Fuller as Chairman of the Independent Monitoring Panel, from 20th December 2021 and until the end of her term of appointment (3rd February 2025).
2. To note the resignation of Ms Glen Ford as a member of the Independent Monitoring Panel with effect from 31st December 2021.
3. To confirm the re-appointment of Ms Isobel Jane Rowlinson as a member of the Independent Monitoring Panel for a period of four years from 21st March 2022.
4. To confirm the re-appointment of Mr Denis Le Marchant White as a member of the Independent Monitoring Panel for a period of four years from 21st March 2022.

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

6th April 2022

Dear Sir

1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this Policy Letter is to:

- notify the States of the appointment of Mrs Andrea Fuller as the new Chairperson of the Independent Monitoring Panel (“the Panel”) with effect from 20th December 2021, until the end of her term of appointment;
- formally notify the States of the resignation of Ms Glen Ford as a member of the Panel; and
- obtain confirmation from the States of the re-appointment, by the Committee *for* Home Affairs (“the Committee”), of Panel members Ms Isobel Jane Rowlinson and Mr Denis Le Marchant White, for a period of four years from 21st March 2022.

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 Committee would like to take this opportunity to put on record its thanks and appreciation to all existing Panel members for their commitment and dedication to their roles.
- 2.3. Panel members are appointed following open and transparent recruitment campaigns which take place at regular intervals depending on current membership numbers, the last recruitment drive taking place in 2020. Those registering an interest in becoming a Panel member are invited to set out their reasons for doing so and identify any relevant skills or experience they feel will make a positive contribution to the role.
- 2.4. No formal qualifications are required for membership of the Panel. The Panel looks to attract individuals who are fair, objective and non-judgemental. It is expected that potential members will have some experience of working with confidential information and will have experience dealing with a wide variety of people from different backgrounds.
- 2.5. Appointments are ordinarily for a period of 4 years, however, changes in circumstances mean that some Panel members will not complete the full tenure. Members may be re-elected for a further period, this is useful in that it allows for experience to be retained and transferred to new appointments. The re-appointments proposed in this Policy Letter have the full support of the Panel.

3. Appointment of a new Chairperson

- 3.1 Schedule 3 to the Prison (Guernsey) Ordinance 2013 (“the Ordinance”) states that following the resignation of the Chairperson and appointment of a new Chairperson, the Committee must notify the States of the resignation and new appointment at the first available opportunity.
- 3.2 The Committee formerly notified the Assembly of the resignation of the previous Chairperson in a Policy Letter dated 26th April 2021¹. At that stage, the Panel had not yet had an opportunity to elect a replacement. The Committee would like to reiterate its thanks to the former Chairperson.
- 3.3 At its meeting on 7th December 2021 the Panel elected Mrs Fuller unanimously to the role of Chairperson. Mrs Fuller was appointed as a Member by the Committee on 5th February 2021. She has been a dedicated member of the Panel and has been professional and diligent in discharging the responsibilities of the Panel. Mrs Fuller has experience of chairing meetings.

¹ [Billet d’Etat XIV of 2021](#), Article 1

4. Resignation of Member

- 4.1. Schedule 3 to the Ordinance states that a *“Panel member may resign from office at any time by giving notice in writing to the Committee”* and that *“The Committee must notify the States of the resignation or removal from office of the Chairman or any other Panel member at the first available opportunity”*. The Committee received notification of Ms Ford’s resignation on 18th November 2021.
- 4.2. Ms Ford was first appointed in August 2015 and after a number of years' dedicated service has decided to step down. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to put on public record its thanks and appreciation to Ms Ford for her contribution to the Panel over the last six years.

5. Re-Appointment of Members to the Panel

- 5.1. Schedule 3 to the Ordinance states that Panel members can be re-appointed by the Committee, subject to confirmation by the States.
- 5.2. Ms Rowlinson and Mr White were first appointed to the Panel in March 2018. Both Members are committed to the role and have gained valuable experience and skills in the discharge of their responsibilities and the Committee is pleased that they wish to continue in this role, recognising that they are a valuable support and guidance for new Members. The existing Panel members are fully supportive of the re-appointments.

6. Compliance with Rule 4

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1):
- (a) The propositions contribute to the States’ objectives in that the appointment of a new Chairperson and the re-appointment of Members to the Panel will ensure the Panel can appropriately discharge its statutory duties.
 - (b) In preparing the propositions, there has been no consultation with stakeholders.
 - (c) The propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.

- (d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

6.3 In accordance with Rule 4(2):

- (a) 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 imprisonment, parole, probation and rehabilitation.

- (b) The propositions have the unanimous support of the Committee.

Yours faithfully

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President

S P J Vermeulen
Vice-President

S E Aldwell
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Non-States Member