

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

**COMMITTEE FOR HOME AFFAIRS**

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

The States are asked to decide: -

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter entitled 'Police Complaints Commission: Re-Appointment of Chairman' dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, they are of the opinion:-

- 1 To re-appoint Mr Robert Steven Jordan as the Chairman of the Police Complaints Commission for a term of four years, with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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

1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Dear Sir

**1. Executive Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this Policy Letter is to recommend to the States the re-appointment of Mr Robert Steven Jordan as Chairman of the Police Complaints Commission ('the Commission') for a period of four years, with effect from the end of his current term of appointment as Chairman, which expires on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**2. Background**

2.1 On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011, the Police Complaints (Guernsey) Law, 2008 ("the Law")<sup>1</sup> came into effect, and the Commission was established. The Commission comprises a Chairman and five ordinary Members.

2.2 The Commission's role is to provide independent oversight of the investigation of complaints made by members of the public against the conduct of police officers employed in the Guernsey Police Force. The Commission also has a role in considering appeals against decisions made in relation to complaints made by members of the public.

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> [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 1(4) states that *“the Chairman and ordinary members shall be appointed for a term of four years.”*
- 3.5 Paragraph 1(6) states that *“Members of the Commission may be reappointed.”*

#### **4. Re-appointment of the Chairman**

- 4.1 Mr Robert Steven Jordan has served as the Chairman of the Commission since 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- 4.2 Mr Jordan has demonstrated throughout his time serving on the Commission that he has the required skills, experience, and flexibility to fulfil the role. Mr Jordan has dealt with sensitive and confidential information with sensitivity and is cognisant of the challenges faced in such a small jurisdiction. Mr Jordan’s re-appointment is supported by the five members of the Commission.
- 4.3 The Committee has met with Mr Jordan on a number of occasions and is satisfied of his suitability for re-appointment. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Jordan for his continued commitment to the role.

#### **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):
- a) The propositions contribute to the States’ objectives in ensuring that the Commission 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 His 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.

5.3 In accordance with Rule 4(2), 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, including policing and customs.

5.4 The propositions have the unanimous support of the Committee.

Yours faithfully

R G Prow  
President

S P J Vermeulen  
Vice-President

S E Aldwell  
L McKenna  
A W Taylor

P A Harwood OBE  
Non-States Member