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BILLET D'ÉTAT

TUESDAY 1st MAY, 2012

ELECTION OF A CHIEF MINISTER

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

I have the honour to inform you that a Meeting of the States of Deliberation will be held at **THE ROYAL COURT HOUSE**, on **TUESDAY, the 1st MAY, 2012**, immediately after the sitting of the Royal Court to consider the item contained in this Billet d'État. States Members are requested to be seated in the well of the Royal Court Chamber by 9.25 a.m. for the sitting of the Royal Court, which will start at 9.30 a.m. or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.

R. J. COLLAS
Bailiff and Presiding Officer

The Royal Court House
Guernsey
13 April 2012

The oath of office and the oath of allegiance will be administered to all Members of the States (other than the Alderney Representatives) at the sitting of the Royal Court.

ELECTION OF A CHIEF MINISTER

The States are asked:-

To elect a sitting Member of the States as Chief Minister to serve until May 2016 in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution and Operation of States Departments and Committees.

(NB Paragraphs (2A) and (3) of Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation provide:-

“(2A) Any Member of the States shall be eligible to hold the Office of Chief Minister provided that he shall have held the office of People’s Deputy for a period of not less than four years in the eight years immediately preceding the date set for the election of a Chief Minister.

(3) On a proposition to elect a Chief Minister:

- (a) nominations shall not be accepted unless they have been notified in writing to the Presiding Officer, during such period prior to the election as shall be determined and published by the States Assembly and Constitution Committee, in accordance with this paragraph;*
- (b) any such notification between the date of the General Election of People’s Deputies and the 1st May next following may only be given by a person elected (or re-elected) in that General Election or by one of the Alderney Representatives in the States of Deliberation;*
- (c) the Presiding Officer shall cause each such notification duly given to be posted in the Royal Court House as soon as possible after its receipt;*
- (d) at the election meeting, the Presiding Officer shall, whether or not there is more than one candidate, invite the proposer(s) and candidate(s) to speak for not more than 5 minutes each before voting takes place; and no Member other than a proposer or candidate shall be entitled to speak.”*

Pursuant to Rule 20 (3) (a) the States Assembly and Constitution Committee has determined that nominations for the office of Chief Minister may be accepted during the period commencing at 9.00am on Friday 20th April, 2012 and ending at 4.00pm on Monday 23rd April, 2012.

Nomination Forms can be obtained from the Bailiff’s Office.)