

POLICE AUTHORITY: CONSTITUTION

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STATES OF JERSEY

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decided whether they are of opinion -

to refer to their Act of 19th May 1998, when they approved the establishment of a Police Authority, and to appoint the following persons to act as Chairman and Members of the Police Authority for a period of four years, with effect from 1st September 1998 -

Mr. Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll, Chairman
Deputy Jaqueline Jeannette Huet, Defence Committee
Deputy Alastair John Layzell, Defence Committee
Connétable Enid Clare Quénauld
Connétable Kenneth Priaulx Vibert
Mr. John Le Gallais
Mrs. Julie Hughes

DEFENCE COMMITTEE

REPORT

On 19th May 1998 the States adopted a proposition of the Defence Committee - Policing of the Island - (**P.49/98**) and approved the establishment by law of a Police Authority with responsibility for -

- (a) securing the maintenance of effective and efficient policing throughout the Island;
- (b) setting local objectives and performance targets for the States of Jersey Police Force and the Honorary Police;
- (c) issuing an annual report, reflecting achievements and budget details, to be presented to the States and published.

It was also agreed that the constitution of the Police Authority should be as follows -

- an independent Chairman, appointed by the States on the recommendation of the Defence Committee;
- two members of the Defence Committee;
- two Connétables appointed by the Comité des Connétables;
- two independent persons, appointed by the States on the recommendation of the Defence Committee.

and that Members should be appointed by the States following consideration in camera.

Whilst the term of office of the Police Authority will be three years, the Committee is recommending that, pending the passing of the necessary legislation, it should be appointed for an initial period of four years, with the charge, in consultation with all interested parties, to develop

and bring forward to the Defence Committee within two years an action plan to give effect to the recommendations of the Working Party on policing in the Island.

The Authority would not require statutory powers to undertake this work, but would not be in a position to assume responsibility for the Police Services in the Island until the necessary legislation was in place.

The Committee, following consultation with the Attorney General, recommends that Mr. R.E.R. Rumboll be appointed as the Independent Chairman of the Authority and Mr. J. Le Gallais and Mrs J. Hughes as Independent Members.

Mr. Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll was elected to the States on 17th December 1981 and was a Deputy of St. Helier until December 1996. During this time he served on several Committees of the States, including the Defence Committee, and was President of the Telecommunications Board, the Education Committee and the Legislation Committee. A chartered accountant by profession, Mr. Rumboll is a founder member of the Jersey Cheshire Homes and Chairman of the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust.

Mr. John Le Gallais was elected to the States as a Deputy of St. Saviour on 17th December 1975 and retired in December 1993. During his term of office, he served on several Committees of the States, was Vice-President of the Establishment and Policy and Resources Committees, and President of the Public Services Committee. On leaving school, Mr. Le Gallais served in the Army for a period of four years and is now a farmer.

Mrs. Julie Hughes is an Associate in a Patent and Trademark Attorneys and is to be called to the English Bar in July 1998.

She is married to a local general practitioner and worked with the Citizens' Advice Bureau from 1991 to 1994.

The Committee accepts the view of the Finance and Economics Committee that the costs involved in the establishment of the Police Authority should be requested as part of the revenue budget process, and will make provision in its 1999 Budget for this purpose.