

Privileges and Procedures Committee

(36th Meeting)

(Business conducted electronically)

19th January 2024

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy L. K. F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable K. Shenton-Stone of St. Martin, Chair
Deputy M. R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Vice-Chair
Deputy L. J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
Deputy C. S. Alves of St. Helier Central
Deputy M. R. Ferey of St. Saviour
Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central

In attendance -

C.L. Fearn, Assistant Secretariat Officer, Specialist Secretariat

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

States
building:
access and
security
arrangements.

A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A4 of 15th January 2024, considered an electronic mail message dated 19th January 2024 from the Greffier of the States in connexion with access to and use of the States building by Jurors attending the Royal Court.

It was noted that, in accordance with the Committee's instructions, the Greffier had written to the Judicial Greffe/Viscount's Department in connexion with concerns regarding the potential for a security incident and the sensitivities associated with Members accessing the building at the same time as a Jury.

The Greffier had requested that all staff accessing the building through the Members' entrance display their identification fobs at all times to assure Members that they held the correct security access. The Judicial Greffe/Viscount's Department had agreed to this. To address concerns regarding access to the building for Jurors, the Greffier had suggested that Jurors could be met at Morier House by an officer of the Viscount's Department and accompanied to the building.

The Committee considered an alternative arrangement, which was supported by the Judicial Greffe/Viscount's Department in connexion with Assize trials which coincided with States Assembly meetings. This would involve Jurors accessing the building via the ceremonial entrance of the Royal Court. Jurors would then wait in Le Capelain and Blampied rooms from 9.00 am – 10.00 am prior to their accompaniment to the Royal Court for empanelment, avoiding unnecessary mixing at the Members' entrance. This would provide an exclusive entrance for Jurors and reduce exposure and vulnerability in the context of possible media interest in the

proceedings of the States Assembly. It was noted that work was ongoing to secure accommodation in Hill Street for use by the Courts, so the proposed option was likely to be temporary.

The Committee agreed that the Judicial Greffe/Viscount's Department's proposal was acceptable as a short-term solution.