

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY POLICE COMPLAINTS AUTHORITY – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER

Lodged au Greffe on 19th December 2011
by the Minister for Home Affairs

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

in accordance with Article 2 of, and the Schedule to, the Police (Complaints and Discipline) (Jersey) Law 1999, to appoint Dr. John Birtwistle as a member of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a period of 3 years.

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS

REPORT

Deputy S.G. Luce of St. Martin has recently been elected as a States Member and has relinquished his position as a member of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority. It is therefore necessary to fill this vacancy with effect from 1st January 2012.

The position was advertised in the Jersey Evening Post, and following an interview by a Panel comprising the Chief Officer of Home Affairs, the Chairman of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority, a Senior Human Resources Manager for Home Affairs, and a representative of the Jersey Appointments Commission, the position has been offered to Dr. John Birtwistle.

The Minister recommends that the following be appointed to serve on the Jersey Police Complaints Authority for a period of 3 years –

Dr. John Birtwistle, BSc, MA, Ed D

Dr. Birtwistle spent 27 years as the States Principal Educational Psychologist with the Education, Sport and Culture Department, and retired in December 2005. Prior to moving to Jersey, he was a Senior Educational Psychologist in Derbyshire and Hull. From 1979 to 1989 he was also the Head of Special Education in Jersey.

Dr. Birtwistle obtained a BSc in Psychology from Birkbeck College in London, an MA in Child Psychology from Nottingham University, and in 1999 became a Doctor of Education following a course of study and a research project via Bristol University.

Dr. Birtwistle has also been the Independent Chairman of the Autistic Spectrum Partnership Board, which co-ordinates the work of the States and Charitable Bodies such as Autism Jersey and Mencap.

He is currently a Lay Member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this proposition.