
STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY GAMBLING COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

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by the Minister for Economic Development

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REPORT

The Minister for Economic Development has received advice from the Jersey Appointments Commission that the terms of office of the current Chairman and Commissioners of the Jersey Gambling Commission (JGC) must come to an end in October 2016, having served 2 terms in office and completed the maximum 10 years of service.

In order to maintain good corporate governance and effect a strong succession plan, the Minister authorised a recruitment process to secure new Commissioners to join the JGC in November 2015, thus ensuring a one-year handover period of office.

Following a process overseen by the Jersey Appointments Commission, the posts of both Commissioner and Deputy Chairman were advertised, and 7 candidates applied across both posts, with 3 candidates applying for appointment as either Deputy Chairman or Commissioner.

Candidates were interviewed by a Panel comprising the Chief Executive of the JGC – under delegated authority from the current JGC Chairman – representatives of the Economic Development Department and States HR, with a member of the Jersey Appointments Commission in attendance.

Advocate Cyril Whelan was the unanimous choice of the Panel as Commissioner and Deputy Chairman. This appointment has been formally endorsed by the Jersey Appointments Commission, for a 4-year term as Commissioner commencing 2nd November 2015.

Advocate Whelan has considerable experience to bring to bear, not only from his distinguished career working in the States of Jersey Law Officers' Department, but also from his involvement as a Commissioner with the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

The Panel further approved the appointment of Ms. Debbie Sebire as JGC Commissioner for a 4-year term.

Ms. Sebire has considerable experience within the Financial Services sector, most latterly as a regulator within the Jersey Financial Services Commission, and is also a current serving member of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority. The appointment of Ms. Sebire has also been formally endorsed by the Jersey Appointments Commission, and she will take up her post as Commissioner commencing 2nd November 2015.