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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(1st Meeting)

23rd February 2021Meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier, Chair
 Senator T.A. Vallois, Vice-Chair
 Connétable A.S. Crowcroft of St. Helier
 Connétable K. Shenton-Stone of St Martin
 Deputy R. Labey of St. Helier
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida of St Lawrence

In attendance -

Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 W. Millow, Assistant Greffier (Chamber and Members' Support)
 K. Boydens, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

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| Minutes | A1. The Minutes of the meetings held by the Committee, as previously constituted, on 3rd December 2020 (Part A), 13th January 2021 (Part A), 18th January 2021 (Part A and Part B) and 2nd February 2021 (Part A) having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed. |
| Vice-Chair:
Appointment | A2. The Committee unanimously agreed to appoint Senator T.A. Vallois Vice-Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee. |
| Forthcoming
business for
debate by the
States
Assembly. | A3. The Committee, with reference to Minute No. A2 of 18th January 2021, of the Committee as previously constituted, considered forthcoming business for debate by the States Assembly.

The Committee noted a Proposition lodged by the Chief Minister entitled 'Migration Control Policy' (P.137/2020) was scheduled for debate on 3rd March 2021. The Committee further noted that an amendment to the Proposition had been lodged by the Migration and Population Scrutiny Review Panel on 16th February 2021. The Panel's amendment requested that the Chair and other members of the independent, statutory, expert panel, due to be formed to advise on population matters, were appointed by the States Assembly via a Proposition from the Chief Minister.

The Committee recalled that a previous Privileges and Procedures Committee had initiated a legislative change through the States of Jersey (Appointment Procedure) (Jersey) Law 2018 whereby a Minister, body or person responsible for making an appointment would present a report to the States setting out the details of a proposed nomination, rather than lodging a Proposition for debate. The previous Committee had noted concerns raised by States Members, with some feeling as though they had |

no realistic alternative but to approve nominations, particularly if they had been made in accordance with the process set out by the Jersey Appointments Commission.

The Committee agreed that, if approved, the Panel's amendment would take the States back into an unsatisfactory process of appointments' approval. On a related matter, Senator T.A. Vallois raised concerns about how independent panels and boards were established across the States of Jersey and suggested that the governance arrangements should be reviewed. The Committee agreed to provide Comments on these matters.

Establishment
of a Sub-
Committee on
Democratic
Accountability
and
Governance

A4. The Committee, with reference to Minute No. B2 of 5th October 2020, of the Committee as previously constituted, agreed to establish a Sub-Committee to review the accountability of Government to the public and the States Assembly. The Committee considered draft Terms of Reference for the work and agreed that they should be circulated to all States Members so that expressions of interest could be sought.

The Committee agreed that the Sub-Committee would be supported by staff from the States Greffe.