

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **WATERFRONT ENTERPRISE BOARD: APPOINTMENT OF NON-STATES DIRECTORS**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 2nd June 2009  
by the Chief Minister**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## **PROPOSITION**

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

- (a) to re-appoint Jurat John Claude Tibbo and Mr. Peter Joseph Crespel for a period of 3 years expiring on 31st August 2012 as non-States Directors of the Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited;
- (b) to request the Greffier of the States to notify the company of the States' decision.

CHIEF MINISTER

## REPORT

The States established the Waterfront Enterprise Board (WEB) Limited in 1995 as a separate legal entity to act as a development agency of the States for an initial period of 10 years. This initial period was extended for a further 10 years by the States on 14th September 2005. The WEB Memorandum and Articles of Association provide that, unless and until determined by the company by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors shall be 7, with 3 States Directors, 3 non-States Directors and the Managing Director. All States Directors and non-States Directors are appointed by the States, and the Managing Director is appointed by the Board. The States also appoints the Chairman who must be a non-States Director.

The current States Directors are Connétable Murphy, Connétable Refault, and Deputy Noel, who were appointed on 24th March 2009 for a 3 year period expiring on 31st March 2012. The current non-States Directors are Jurat J.C. Tibbo, and Mr. P.J. Crespel, and their terms of office are due to expire on 28th August 2009.

The role of the Waterfront Enterprise Board has been to promote, co-ordinate and implement a comprehensive strategy for the development of the St. Helier Waterfront, with a particular focus on the area known as 'West of Albert'. This work is still very much in progress, and it is planned that the majority of the project will be completed by 2011.

Consideration has been given to the possibility of establishing a new development company to act as the lead agency in the development of States property assets. This development company, which has the title of the States of Jersey Development Company (SoJDC), would subsume WEB and would take on responsibility for future waterfront development and the development of other major assets. The company would work alongside Property Holdings and in partnership with Planning. It is envisaged that this would create a vehicle to unify the development of all Waterfront assets and improve co-ordination with the wider regeneration of St. Helier. It would receive and develop major States property assets that have been authorised for redevelopment. Detailed proposals in respect of the SoJDC have been developed and presented to the States in the form of a report and proposition for approval (*see P.79/2009*).

As noted above, the terms of office of Jurat Tibbo and Mr. Crespel are due to expire on 28th August 2009. Pending a States decision on the formation of the States of Jersey Development Company, and to allow sufficient lead time to undertake a recruitment process overseen by the Appointments Commission, it is necessary to appoint non-States Directors to WEB on an interim basis to ensure the continued operation of the Board post-August 2009. In accordance with WEB's Memorandum and Articles of Association, these appointments must be made for a period of 3 years. However, it is anticipated that these appointments will run for a considerably shorter period. As soon as the States has decided upon the form and structure of the successor to WEB the new Board will be appointed by means of a transparent process overseen by the Appointments Commission.

Jurat John Tibbo and Mr. Peter Crespel have both indicated that they would be willing to continue in their roles as non-States Directors of WEB as a temporary measure.

There are no financial or manpower implications arising from this proposition.