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PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(17th Meeting)

(Business conducted by electronic mail)4th June 2021**PART A (Non-Exempt)**

All members were present.

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 M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida of St. Lawrence

In attendance -

K. Boydens, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

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

'Draft
 Amendment
 (No. 52) of the
 Standing
 Orders of the
 States of
 Jersey' -
 approval for
 lodging

A1. The Committee, with reference to Minute No. A1 of its meeting of 6th May 2021, received a revised version of its proposition entitled 'Draft Amendment (No. 52) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey' (P.41/2021). The Committee recalled that it had previously lodged P.41/2021 following States Assembly approval of the draft 'Constitution of the States and Public Elections Law 202-', as amended by the Third Amendment to the draft Law (P.17/2021 Amd.(3)).

The Committee further recalled that the Third Amendment had altered the provisions of the States of Jersey Law 2005 to state that the Common Strategic Policy should be lodged by the Council of Ministers no later than the day on which the Council's first Government Plan was lodged and within 4 months of the Council's appointment. The Committee had lodged P.41/2021 in order to comply with a consequential amendment to Standing Orders, as the time available in 2022 for the next Council of Ministers to develop the first Government Plan of the term was reduced from 15 weeks to 10 weeks by the date of the next election being set as 22nd June 2022.

Since P.41/2021 was lodged, the Committee was advised that the States Greffe had identified that there would be an unintended consequence in that the reduced period would have applied to every Government Plan lodged in the future (including the one due to be debated in 2021). Therefore, the revised amendment would ensure that the minimum lodging period of 10 weeks would apply solely to a Government Plan lodged in an election year.

The Committee approved the draft amendment and instructed the Principal Committee and Panel Officer to make the necessary arrangements for it to be lodged 'au Greffe' as soon as practicable. The Committee agreed that P.41/2021 would be withdrawn.