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Connétables Mike Jackson
Chair, Comité de Connétables

BY EMAIL

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Dear Connétable,

Parish and Government Review Panel – Establishment and Terms of Reference

Firstly, thank you for facilitating our recent meeting with the Comité at the St Brelade Parish Hall. I thought the meeting was extremely valuable and I appreciated the opportunity to share the rationale and reasoning behind undertaking this review.

As you are aware, the Parishes and Government Review Panel has been constituted of myself as Chair, Deputy Catherine Curtis (vice-Chair), Deputy Kristina Moore (member) and Connétable Richard Honeycombe (member).

As a panel, we have agreed the following Terms of Reference to guide our review work:

1. To examine and document the current relationship between the civic functions and services provided by the parish and government administration.
2. To consider how the government and parishes work collaboratively to deliver timely and effective community services. This includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Refuse and Recycling
 - b. Parks and Gardens
 - c. Play spaces
 - d. Honorary Policing
3. To explore the ways in which government engages and interacts with the parishes in order to deliver on its key strategies and policies (i.e. putting children first, carbon neutral roadmap, community safety, health prevention, reducing bureaucracy).
4. To review the administrative functions currently being delivered by the parishes and to consider whether different mechanisms might be needed to meet modern requirements for satisfactory interaction with relevant government functions. This will include but is not limited to:
 - a. Firearms certificates
 - b. Alcohol licensing
 - c. Administration and policing of roads, parks and beaches
 - d. Role of parish in the planning application process

5. To understand how the current system of rates operates and is being applied. To assess whether there is a role for the government in ensuring that each parish applies a transparent and sustainable model and a common methodology which acts in the best interests of all islanders.

The Panel held its first meeting on 3rd April, where we reviewed the timeline for the review and discussed the optimal timing for engaging with all parishes. As you will appreciate, the Panel will be requesting a significant amount of information from the parishes as part of this review. We are very conscious of the need to avoid overwhelming parish officials or the Connétables with these requests. To manage this, we have agreed to request the information in stages, dividing it into specific topic areas.

We hope this approach will help streamline the process and make it easier for the parishes to provide the necessary responses. However, open communication and timely responses are crucial to the success of this review. We kindly request the support of all parishes in providing the requested information promptly, so we can keep the review on track and ensure that the process remains efficient and effective.

We look forward to working with you, the Connétables and the parishes on this important matter for Jersey.

Yours sincerely,



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Parishes and Government Review Panel