

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *for* ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PUBLIC TRUSTEE

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether, after consideration the policy letter entitled 'Appointment of a new Public Trustee' dated 1st March 2024, they are of the opinion:-

1. In accordance with paragraph 1(2) of the Public Trustee (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002, to agree to appoint Mr Brian Williams as Public Trustee for a period of eighteen months, commencing 1st May 2024 and ending on 31st October 2025.

The above Proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications in accordance with Rule 4(1)(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees.

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The Presiding Officer
States of Guernsey
Royal Court House
St Peter Port

1st March 2024

Dear Sir

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Public Trustee, Mr Luis Gonzalez, was appointed as the Public Trustee by the States of Deliberation in May 2018 for a term of 5 years ending in April 2023, which was subsequently extended by a further term of 12 months.
- 1.2 Mr Gonzalez' term as Public Trustee ends on the 30th April 2024 at which time Mr Gonzalez has indicated he will step down as Public Trustee. The Committee wishes to publicly express its gratitude for all of Mr Gonzalez' significant work and achievements during his time in office as Public Trustee.
- 1.3 It is the responsibility of the Committee *for* Economic Development ("the Committee") to recommend to the States an alternative suitable candidate for this role.
- 1.4 The Committee recommends that the States of Deliberation appoint Mr Brian Williams as Public Trustee for a term of eighteen months, from 1st May 2024 until 31st October 2025.

2 Appointment of the Public Trustee

- 2.1 Mr Williams is a chartered accountant and has worked within regulated businesses for over 20 years, with roles as Managing Director of Investec Trust (Guernsey), along with Head of Finance & Operations for Investec Trust Group. He has spent 10 years working in complex trust litigation roles.
- 2.2 Mr Williams joined the Office of the Public Trustee in June 2019. In accordance with the power under paragraph 4 of the Schedule to the Law, Mr Gonzalez appointed Mr Williams to act as Deputy Public Trustee in January 2020, with

full authority to exercise the functions of the Public Trustee and Mr Williams has held this post for over four years.

3 Term of Office

- 3.1 Under paragraph 1(4) of the Law, *“The Public Trustee shall hold office for a term not exceeding five years and a person may, on the recommendation of the Committee... be appointed to that office by the States for more than one term of office”*.
- 3.2 The Committee recommends the appointment of Mr Williams as Public Trustee for a term of eighteen months.

4 Compliance with Rule 4

- 4.1 Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees sets out the information which must be included in, or appended to, motions laid before the States of Deliberation.
- 4.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1)(c), the Proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- 4.3 In accordance with Rule 4(2)(a), the Proposition relates to the duties of the Committee with respect to finance sector development.
- 4.4 In accordance with Rule 4(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, it is confirmed that the above proposition has the unanimous support of the Committee.

Yours faithfully

N R Inder
President

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Vice-President

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The President
Policy & Resources Committee
Sir Charles Frossard House
La Charroterie
St Peter Port

1st March 2024

Dear Sir,

Preferred date for consideration by the States of Deliberation

In accordance with Rule 4(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, the Committee *for* Economic Development requests that the 'Appointment of a New Public Trustee' policy letter that was lodged with the Greffe on 1st March 2024 be considered at the States of Deliberation's meeting that will commence on 24th April 2024. This will enable the appointment to follow on uninterrupted from the current postholder, which is essential to provide continuity of role given the legal processes that the Office of the Public Trustee is involved in.

The Committee is grateful for your Committee's consideration of this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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