

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *for* ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC TRUSTEE FOR A FURTHER TERM

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether, after consideration the policy letter entitled “Appointment of Public Trustee for a Further Term’, dated 3rd June, 2025, they are of the opinion:-

1. In accordance with paragraph 1(4) of the Public Trustee (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002, to agree to appoint Mr Brian Williams as Public Trustee for a further term of five years ending on the 31st October 2030.

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

3rd June, 2025

Dear Sir

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Public Trustee, Mr Brian Williams, was appointed as the Public Trustee by the States of Deliberation at its 24th April 2024 meeting for a term of 18-months which will end on the 31st October 2025¹.
- 1.2 The Committee *for* Economic Development (“the Committee”) recommends that the States of Deliberation appoint Mr Brian Williams as Public Trustee for a further term of five years to the 31st October 2030.

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 MD 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. He was appointed to act as Deputy Public Trustee in January 2020, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Schedule to the Law, with full authority to exercise the functions of the Public Trustee, holding this position for over four years.
- 2.3 Mr Williams has held the position of Public Trustee since 1st May 2024.

3 Term of Office

- 3.1 Under paragraph 1(4) of the Public Trustee (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002², “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 re-appointment of Mr Williams as Public Trustee for a further term of five years.

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.
- 4.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1):
- a) The Proposition does not contribute to the States’ strategic objectives and policy plans but to a statutory function of government.
 - b) In preparing the Proposition, there has been consultation with the Public Trustee.
 - c) The Proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
 - d) There are no additional financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.
- 4.3 In accordance with Rule 4(2):
- a) The Proposition relates to the Committee’s political oversight of the Office of the Public Trustee its statutory functions.
 - b) The Proposition has the unanimous support of the Committee.

Yours faithfully

N R Inder
President

² [Public Trustee \(Bailiwick of Guernsey\) Law, 2002](#)

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