

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RE-ELECTION OF BARONESS COUTTIE AS AN ORDINARY MEMBER OF THE GUERNSEY
FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

The States are asked to decide: -

Whether, after consideration of the Policy Letter dated 27th September, 2022, of the Policy & Resources Committee, they are of the opinion:-

1. To re-appoint Philippa Marion Roe (the Baroness Couttie) as an ordinary member of the Guernsey Financial Services Commission for a three year term with effect from 1st January 2023.

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

27th September, 2022

Dear Sir

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Philippa Marion Roe (the Baroness Couttie)'s appointment as an ordinary member of the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (the GFSC) will end on 1st January 2023.
- 1.2 In order to ensure continuity of experience, this Policy Letter proposes the re-election of the Baroness Couttie as an ordinary member of the GFSC for a three year term, with effect from 1st January 2023.

2. Report

- 2.1 Baroness Couttie was first elected as a GFSC Commissioner in 2019¹ and has served as a Commissioner since January 2020. In February 2022, she was elected as vice-chair for the GFSC.
- 2.2 Baroness Couttie has over 30 years of experience in governance, politics, financial services, financial strategy and, more broadly, in addressing external initiatives and influences from domestic, regional and international perspectives. Her biography is attached as Appendix 1 to this Policy Letter.
- 2.3 Baroness Couttie has been a member of the House of Lords since 2016 and is currently a member of the Lords' European Union Select Committee, the House of Lords' European Affairs Committee and also the House of Lords' EU Services Sub-Committee.
- 2.4 From 2014 to 2016, Baroness Couttie was a board member of the London Local

¹ Policy Letter "Election of Baroness Couttie as an Ordinary Member of the Guernsey Financial Services Commission" [Billet d'État XXIV of 2019](#) and [Resolutions](#) of 11th December, 2019

Enterprise Partnership and of its Infrastructure Delivery Board. This partnership was tasked with delivering and maintaining London’s globally pre-eminent position, whilst the Infrastructure Delivery Board was responsible for identifying the infrastructure needs to deliver that vision and developing the strategy for financing those needs. From 2012 to 2017, she led the Westminster City Council. Baroness Couttie is also a Non-Executive Director of Mitie PLC, is a member of its Audit Committee and Nominations Committee and is also the Chair of its Social Value & Responsible Business Committee.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The Financial Services Commission (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1987 specifies that ordinary members of the Commission should “be persons having knowledge, qualifications or experience appropriate to the development and supervision of finance business in the Bailiwick”.
- 3.2 Based on her significant professional experience, the Policy & Resources Committee is of the opinion that Baroness Couttie meets the criteria of the Law and is pleased to nominate her for re-appointment as an ordinary member of the GFSC.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The States are asked to decide whether they are of the opinion:-

To re-elect Philippa Marion Roe (the Baroness Couttie) as an ordinary member of the GFSC for a three year term, with effect from 1st January 2023. The Committee recommends that the States support this proposal.

5. Compliance with Rule 4

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1)(a), the Proposition is in line with States’ objectives and policy plans as set out in the Government Work Plan Priority 2– “Managing the Effects of Brexit; Meet international Standards”².
- 5.3 In accordance with Rule 4(1)(b), no consultation was undertaken with other Principal Committees, as under the legislation only the the Policy & Resources Committee can nominate Commissioners for the GFSC.

² Government Work Plan – Stage 2, [Billet d’État XV of 2021](#) and [Resolutions](#) of 23rd July, 2021.

- 5.4 In accordance with Rule 4(1)(c), the Proposition has been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications. She has advised that there is no reason in law why the Proposition should not be put into effect.
- 5.5 In accordance with Rule 4(1)(d), there are no financial implications to the States for these proposals.
- 5.6 In accordance with Rule 4(2)(a), the Proposition relates to the power of the Policy & Resources Committee to nominate persons for election by the States as members of the GFSC under paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 1 to the Financial Services Commission (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1987.
- 5.7 In accordance with Rule 4(2)(b), it is confirmed that the Proposition has the unanimous support of the the Policy & Resources Committee.

Yours faithfully

Policy & Resources Committee

P T R Ferbrache
President

H J Soulsby OBE
Vice-President

M A J Helyar
J P Le Tocq
D J Mahoney

THE BARONESS COUTTIE - BIOGRAPHY

Full title: The Baroness Couttie

Name: Philippa Marion Roe

Joined the House of Lords: 5 September 2016

Party: Conservative

UK Parliament

Current Committee Memberships

European Affairs Committee (House of Lords) April 2021-present

European Union Committee (House of Lords) July 2019-present

EU Services Sub-Committee (House of Lords) April 2020-present

Former Committee Memberships

EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee (House of Lords) July 2019-April 2020

Political Polling and Digital Media Committee (House of Lords) June 2017-March 2018

Political Life

Association of Conservative Peers Executive Member 2018

Conservative Party Whip 2017

London Local Enterprise Partnership (Infrastructure Delivery Board) 2014-2016

London Councils Deputy Leader 2014-2016

Westminster City Council Local Councilor 2006-2017, Leader 2012-2017, Cabinet Member for Finance 2011-2012

Chair of David Cameron's Public Sector Efficiency Subgroup 2006-2007

James Committee Head of Treasury team 2004-2005

Private Finance Panel Head of Education team 1997-1999

Professional Life

Mitie PLC Non-Executive Director 2018

FTI Consulting Non-Executive Senior Advisor 2014-2017

Chair of Imperial College Audit Committee 2006-2014

Citigroup Director 2000-2006

J Henry Schroder Associate Director 1999-2000

PR Consultants Proprietor and CEP 1992-1999

Cornerstone Communications Managing Director 1990-1992

CPP Brussels Joint Managing Director 1990-1992

Public Life

President of the Local Government Association 2018-

Chair of the West End Partnership 2013-2017

Local Government Association Deputy Leader 2013-2017

Royal Parks Board Member 2012-2017

Imperial College Council Member 2006-2014