

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *for* ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APPOINTMENT OF THE GUERNSEY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION (DCA)

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether, after consideration of the policy letter entitled “Appointment of the Guernsey Director of Civil Aviation (DCA)” dated 9th March 2023, they are of the opinion:-

1. In accordance with Part 1, paragraph 2 of The Aviation (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2008, to agree to appoint Mr John Nicholas as Director of Civil Aviation for a period of three years with immediate effect.

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

9th March, 2023

Dear Sir

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Under Part 1, paragraph 2 of The Aviation (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2008 (“the Law”), “The States shall, on the recommendation of the Committee (*for Economic Development*) appoint the Director of Civil Aviation in accordance with Schedule 1, and the provisions of that Schedule shall have effect”.
- 1.2 Schedule 1 (1) of the Law states that “The Committee may only recommend that a person be appointed as Director of Civil Aviation if it is satisfied that the person – a) is suitably qualified and competent to carry out the function, and b) is a fit and proper person to do so”.
- 1.3 The Committee *for* Economic Development (“the Committee”) recommends that the States of Deliberation appoint Mr John Nicholas as Guernsey Director of Civil Aviation Chair for a term of three years with immediate effect. This follows Mr Nicholas’ successful completion of a 6-month probationary period as Acting Director of Civil Aviation.

2 Appointment of the Director of Civil Aviation

- 2.1 Mr Nicholas is a highly experienced aviation regulator having worked in a number of senior roles within the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for almost 20 years, including Head of Applications & Approvals and also as Head of Approvals & Engineer Licensing respectively.
- 2.2 John has also worked in the commercial operations environment, as Principal

Consultant for consultancy, Baines Simmons.

- 2.3 Mr Nicholas was Technical Director of UK-based airline, CargoLogicAir.
- 2.4 Experienced in the setup, development and management of all aspects of aviation regulatory requirements, Mr Nicholas holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA), a Diploma in Management Studies and a UK CAA Part 66 Licence.

3 Term of Office

- 3.1 The Committee recommends the appointment of Mr Nicholas as Director of Civil Aviation for a term of three years with immediate effect. Thereafter, the Committee will return to the States with a recommendation for the re-appointment of Mr Nicholas or the appointment of a successor.

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), the Propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- 4.3 In accordance with Rule 4(3), the Committee has included Propositions which request the States to approve the appointment of Mr John Nicholas as Director of Civil Aviation for a period of three years, in accordance with Part 1, paragraph 1 (2) and Schedule 1, paragraph 1 of The Aviation (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2008.
- 4.4 In accordance with Rule 4(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, it is confirmed that the propositions above have the unanimous support of the Committee.
- 4.5 In accordance with Rule 4(5), the Propositions relate to the duties of the Committee with respect to competition regulation.

Yours faithfully

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President

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