

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

COMMITTEE *FOR* HOME AFFAIRS

INDEPENDENT MONITORING PANEL:
RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS

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

6th January 2025

Dear Sir

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this Policy Letter is to: obtain confirmation from the States of the re-appointment by the Committee *for* Home Affairs ("the Committee") of three existing members of the Independent Monitoring Panel ("the Panel"), to notify the States of the re-appointment of the Chairman to the Panel and to notify the States of the resignation of one member of the Panel.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Panel is an independent body made up of members of the public who make unannounced visits to Guernsey Prison. Members provide independent oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Prison and prison conditions, monitor the administration of the prison, the treatment of prisoners and whether the statutory objectives of the prison system are being met, and serve to protect the well-being of prisoners.
- 2.2. The Panel is constituted under section 17 of the Prison (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2013¹ ("the Ordinance"). Panel Members must be appointed by the Committee, subject to confirmation by the States. Appointment is for a period of four years or less.
- 2.3. Schedule 3 to the Ordinance states that Panel members can be re-appointed by the Committee, subject to confirmation by the States within the same year, and

¹ [Prison \(Guernsey\) Ordinance, 2013](#)

that the Committee must notify the States on the appointment of the Chairman, and resignation of Panel Members at the first available opportunity.

- 2.4. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to put on record its thanks and appreciation to all existing Panel Members for their commitment and dedication to their roles.

3. Re-appointments & resignations

- 3.1. At its meeting on 6th January 2025, the Committee approved the re-appointment of Mrs Andrea (Andie) Fuller, Mrs Alfia Dance and Mr Nigel Bartlett to the Panel.
- 3.2. Mrs Fuller and Mrs Dance were first appointed by the Committee on 5th February 2021, and Mr Bartlett was first appointed on 20th April 2021. All appointments were confirmed by the States at its meeting in July 2021.
- 3.3. At the same meeting the Committee noted the resignation of Ms Lucy Cave with effect from the end of this year, and that Mr Marc Cohen would not be seeking re-appointment at the end of his term in March 2025.

4. Re-appointment of Chairman

- 4.1. At its meeting on 9th October 2024 the Panel agreed that if Mrs Fuller was re-appointed that she would be elected to continue in the role as Chairman of the Panel. Mrs Fuller has demonstrated that she has the relevant skills and dedication to fulfil this role, has conducted herself in a professional manner and been diligent in discharging her duties and overseeing the responsibilities of the Panel.
- 4.2. At its meeting on 6th January 2025, the Committee approved the re-appointment of Mrs Fuller as the Chairman of the Panel.

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 propositions contribute to the States' objectives in that the re-appointment of Members to the Panel will ensure the Panel can appropriately discharge its statutory duties.
 - b) In preparing the propositions, there has been no consultation with stakeholders.

- c) The propositions have been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur and His Majesty's Comptroller for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

5.3. In accordance with Rule 4(2):

- a) The propositions relate to the duties of the Committee to advise the States and to develop and implement policies on matters relating to its purpose including imprisonment, parole, probation and rehabilitation.
- b) The propositions have the unanimous support of the Committee.

Yours faithfully

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President

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Vice-President

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