## Supervisory Committee Connétables de Jersey

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Public Hall, St Martin.

## Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian Connétable de St Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett; the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard and the Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre.

In attendance: Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

## Non-exempt (public) under Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011

The Supervisory Committee confirmed that the Connétable of St Clement should preside at the meeting.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on  $9^{\text{th}}$  February 2015, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 – possible amendments

Minutes

2. The Supervisory Committee, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015, considered correspondence from the Data Protection Commissioner concerning the provisions of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 and the publication of the Rates List and Approved Rates List.

The Committee recalled it had supported these documents being made available online so that ratepayers might, more conveniently, access information about the rateable value of a property. Having discussed the matter, the Committee decided that any proposals to change the manner in which such data were processed (published) should take the form of legislative change so that there was an open debate and discussion about the proposed changes and so that the proposals could be reviewed for human rights.

The Committee accordingly requested that the Law Draftsman prepare appropriate amendments to the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 to provide for such methods of publication. The Committee further decided to seek such amendments as might be deemed necessary to provide for the on-line delivery of rates administration where this was not already possible by virtue of the provisions of the Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000. Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 – online services 3. The Supervisory Committee, further to the decision of the Comité des Connétables to progress e-government developments (minute 3a of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 refers), was informed of the potential opportunities for the development of e-parish services under the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 including the on-line payment of rates. The Committee agreed, in principle, that a single payment gateway might be acceptable and noted that a proposal would be prepared for its consideration in due course.

Chairman ...... *L Norman*..... Date .......20/04/2015......