

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 21st December 2021
(meeting held by email).

Present:

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Chairman
Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft, Vice Chairman
Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard
Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert
Connétable de Ste Marie - J. M. Le Bailly
Connétable de St Ouën - R. A. Buchanan
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone
Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan
Connétable de St Clément - M. O'D. Troy

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

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

Draft Connétables (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 202- which would, if passed, amend the Connétables (Jersey) Law 2008 to make provision about the process of resignation for, and effective date of, the resignation of a Connétable.

1. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 18 of 6th December 2021, gave further consideration to the draft Connétables (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 202- which would, if passed, amend the Connétables (Jersey) Law 2008 to make provision about the process of resignation for, and effective date of, the resignation of a Connétable.

The draft provided that a Connétable might resign by giving written notice to the Bailiff, who must notify the Attorney General of the resignation and give written confirmation to the resigning Connétable that notice had been given. The Attorney General must then notify the Royal Court of the resignation, at which point the resignation took effect (and there would be a vacancy in the office). The Comité agreed that the draft made the desired amendments and approved a report to be presented to the States with the draft Law.

The Comité was informed that, in the Law Officers' opinion, the draft Law was compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights ("ECHR") and it accordingly agreed that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the Human Rights (Jersey) Law 2000, the Chairman should sign the required statement confirming the provisions of the Draft Connétables (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 202- were compatible with the Convention Rights.

The Comité requested that the draft Law and report be lodged "au Greffe" for debate by the States in February 2022.