

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 27th October 2025
(virtual meeting conducted online).

Present:

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman
Connétable de St Héliier - A. S. Crowcroft
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur
Connétable de St Pierre - R. P. Vibert
Connétable de St Martin - Mrs K. Shenton-Stone
Connétable de St Jean - A. N. Jehan
Connétable de St Clément - M. O'D. Troy
Connétable de St Ouën - R. Honeycombe
Connétable de Ste Marie - R. D. Johnson
Connétable de St Sauveur - K. C. Lewis

Apologies:

Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian, Vice Chairman
Connétable de Grouville - M. Labey

In attendance:

In attendance: Mrs S. R. de Gruchy and Mrs S. J. Parkin as Secretaries

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

Draft Dogs
Law (Jersey)
Amendment
Regulations
202-
(P.63/2025) -
amendment

1. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 17 of 15th September 2025, received an update on the Draft Dogs Law (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.63/2025) which had been lodged “*au Greffe*” for debate by the States Assembly.

The Comité recalled the main aim of the proposition was to introduce a new registration scheme for “dangerous dogs” – these were defined and were certain breeds of dog and dogs that might fit the characteristics and measurements of an XL Bully. The registration scheme was intended to strengthen public safety by ensuring that ownership of such dogs was regulated, recorded, and subject to clear conditions including requirements for insurance, control in public spaces and neutering, which were designed to reduce the risks posed to the public and to animal welfare. These requirements followed restrictions which had been applied in other countries in recent years.

In bringing forward this new scheme, the opportunity was taken to update outdated drafting and amend certain provisions in the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961. As a result of feedback and concerns about two of these aspects, the debate of the proposition had been deferred to the States sitting on 11th November 2025. The Comité approved an amendment to P.63/2025 to address these concerns as follows –

- Article 6: an amendment to specify that the existing requirements (owner name, address and telephone number) continued to be valid where a dog licence was already in force for a dog. The new requirements (dog name, owner telephone number and dog licence number) would apply should those details change or the collar, plate or badge be replaced; they also applied for any dog for which a first licence was purchased after the changes came into force.
- Article 9: the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel had commented about the wider issues of the general control of dogs and enforcement challenges. The amendment therefore proposed that no change should be made to

Article 9 at this time and that these matters should be considered more fully and addressed separately. The amendment therefore deleted Regulation 9 and removes subsequent references in Regulations 15 and 16.

The Comité, having approved the Draft Dogs Law (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.63/2025): amendment, report and Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA), requested that this be lodged "*au Greffe*" for debate by the States.

Chairman Date