## Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (virtual meeting conducted online).

## **Present:**

Connétable de St Brélade - M. K. Jackson, Chairman

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

Connétable de St Hélier - 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 (not present for item 1)

Connétable de Grouville - M. Labey

Connétable de St Ouën - R. Honeycombe (not present for item 1)

Connétable de Ste Marie - R. D. Johnson

Connétable de St Sauveur - K. C. Lewis

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

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

Commercial properties and leases: improved administration (P.68/2025): amendment

1. The Comite considered the amendment which had been lodged by the Council of Ministers (CoM) to the proposition "Commercial properties and leases: improved administration" (P.68/2025) of Deputy H Miles. The amendment specifically named the Comité des Connétables for the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development to work with in exploring a mechanism to discourage commercial properties from being left vacant under paragraph (a) of Deputy Miles proposition. The amendment also removed specific reference to fiscal mechanisms in this paragraph.

The Comité noted it had not been consulted about the amendment and that the 'financial and staffing implications' only referred to using resources from within the Department for the Economy and Jersey Business (which would necessitate a reprioritisation of the Department's work as officers would be required to cease delivering other projects) but made no reference to the financial and staffing implication for parishes arising from the amendment. Though Connétables would expect to be consulted, on balance the Comité considered the work should be undertaken by the Department for the Economy and Jersey Business and the reference to the "Comité des Connétables" in the CoM amendment should be deleted.

The Comité approved the amendment, report and Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA), requested that this be lodged "au Greffe" for debate by the States.

Draft Police (Complaints and Conduct – Honorary Police) (Jersey) Regulations 202-(P.83/2025) 2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 8 of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024, received an update on proposed new legislation relating to complaints and conduct of police officers. At that meeting it had been informed that the draft Police (Complaints and Conduct – Honorary Police) (Jersey) Regulations 202- had been drafted to address the process solely for the Honorary Police though some minor points had still to be addressed prior to the final version being circulated to Connétables. However, the Draft Police (Complaints and Conduct – Honorary Police) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.83/2025) had recently been lodged "au Greffe" for debate on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The Comité noted that the draft Regulations for members of the Honorary Police (P.83/2025) mirrored, to a large extent, those proposed for members of the States of Jersey

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Police (SOJP) which were in P.82/2025 (the Draft Police (Complaints and Conduct – States of Jersey Police Force) Regulations 202-) but considered that two paragraphs needed minor amendment to reflect that members of the Honorary Police were elected (not employed) and the responsibility for managing resources. The Comité approved draft amendments to P.83/2025 as follows:

- a) Article 48(2) amended to clarify that a person might seek re-election (to the same office) or election (to another office) in the Honorary Police whilst participating in a reflective review process.
- b) Article 55(3) amended as the Chef de Police of a Parish supervised and managed the members and resources of the Honorary Police under Article 6B of the Honorary Police (Jersey) Regulations 2005 and was better placed to ensure a police friend might undertake that duty.

The Comité approved the amendment, report and Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA), and requested that this be lodged "au Greffe" for debate by the States.