

Privileges and Procedures Committee

(27th Meeting)

(Business conducted electronically)

10th October 2023

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present.

Connétable K. Shenton-Stone of St. Martin, Chair (not present for item Nos. A1)

Deputy M. R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Vice-Chair (not present for item No. A2)

Deputy L. J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter (not present for item No. A2)

Deputy C. S. Alves of St. Helier Central

Deputy M. R. Ferey of St. Saviour

Deputy L. K. F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter (not present for item No. A2)

Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central

In attendance -

K. Boydens, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

K. M. Larbalestier, Principal Secretariat Officer, Specialist Secretariat

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only

P.75/2023 –
Ethical
standards:
Deputy M.R.
Scott of St.
Brelade.

A1. The Committee considered a report and proposition entitled ‘Ethical standards – States Members’ (P.75/2023), which had been lodged ‘au Greffe’ by Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade.

The Committee noted that the aforementioned proposition sought States’ agreement for (a) a revision to the professional standards detailed within the Code of Conduct for elected Members to better align them with best ethical standards and practice in professional organisations outside the States Assembly and Civil Service; (b) that a support framework for States Members should be established to provide recourse to an independent third party to offer informal rulings and advice on conduct issues before matters were formally referred to the Commissioner for Standards; (c) that the Privileges and Procedures Committee should produce a body of guidelines and training materials for States Members regarding interpretation of the Code of Conduct and guidelines on how to support and respond to formal claims regarding conduct with objective evidence; (d) that provision should be made within Standing Orders to make it mandatory for all elected States Members to attend training relating to the Code of Conduct and its interpretation; and (e) that the Privileges and Procedures Committee should bring forward the necessary changes to Standing Orders to bring effect to the above proposals for consideration by the Assembly no later than 30th June 2025.

The Committee discussed the proposition and considered a draft comment which had been prepared in response to the same.

The Committee approved the comment and requested that it be presented to the Assembly.

P.56/2023 –
Draft register
of names and
addresses
(amendment)
(Jersey) Law
202-: Chief
Minister.

A2. The Committee recalled that it had considered a report and proposition entitled 'Draft Register of names and addresses (amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-', which had been lodged 'au Greffe' by the Chief Minister.

The aforementioned proposition proposed amendments to the Register of Names and Addresses (Jersey) Law 2012, to permit the release of certain information appertaining to Jersey residents from the names and addresses register to credit reference agencies. A draft comment had been prepared in response to the proposition and this sought to highlight the fact that the amendment should not be conflated with ongoing work to produce a digital electoral register.

As the comment had been circulated and approved electronically in order to meet the relevant deadline, Members requested that the Committee's approval of the comment be recorded in the Minutes.