



## **STATES OF JERSEY**

### **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: APPOINTMENT OF UNELECTED MEMBERS**

In accordance with Standing Order 124(1) the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee has given notice of his nominations for the positions of unelected member of the PAC.

The Chairman has given notice that he will nominate the following 3 persons at the next meeting (biographical information attached) –

Mr. Gary Drinkwater  
Mr. Robert John Parker  
Mr. Michael John Robinson

In accordance with Standing Order 124(2) any alternative nominations for membership of the PAC must be received by the Greffier of the States no later than 2 clear working days before 3rd February 2015, namely no later than 29th January. If alternative nominations are received a ballot will be held.

**M.N. DE LA HAYE**

**Greffier of the States**

19th January 2015

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Mr. Gary Drinkwater**

Mr. Drinkwater's career in the banking industry with HSBC (formerly Midland Bank) spans 4 decades and a broad range of significant management roles. He is currently Deputy Head of Corporate, Channel Islands and Isle Of Man. His leadership and change management experience is considerable.

Since moving to the Island in 1992, Mr. Drinkwater has undertaken a number of external business and community roles. He is a former president of the Institute of Directors and the Jersey Banker's Association and has served as trustee of a number of charitable associations, including Help a Jersey Child. His interests include sports (notably tennis) and antique collecting.

Having made Jersey his home, Mr. Drinkwater is keen to further increase his contribution to Island life through an honorary role that makes constructive use of his skills, knowledge and experience.

### **Mr. Robert John Parker**

Mr. Parker's early accounting career included periods with the audit divisions of both Coopers and Lybrand and Gulf and Western. During his time with the latter company, Mr. Parker spent a year working for Paramount Pictures International. He then returned to the Island as an employee of the Hotel de France Group Limited, holding the posts of Finance Director, Managing Director and, latterly, Chairman.

Mr. Parker serves as Treasurer of the Jersey Conference Bureau, having previously served as its founding Chairman. He has also fulfilled senior roles for the Jersey Hotel and Guest House Association and he has served on a number of other boards including the Shadow Tourism Board and the Airport Advisory Board.

In June 2013 Mr. Parker joined the PAC as previously constituted. He played an active part in a number of reviews including, but not exclusive to, the review of the complex integrated care records programme commissioned by the Health and Social Services Department. Having formed a constructive working relationship with the Comptroller and Auditor General and having enhanced his understanding of how the States of Jersey is structured and managed under ministerial government, Mr. Parker is well placed to continue serving the Island as an independent member. His reappointment would provide the new committee with a helpful degree of continuity as it develops a work programme for 2015 and beyond.

### **Mr. Michael John Robinson**

Mr. Robinson was born in the Island and was educated at De La Salle College and Highlands College.

After having spent the first year of his working life as an Articled Clerk at Coopers and Lybrand, Mr Robinson embarked upon a 39 year public service career, commencing with a 2 year period at the Social Security Department. He transferred to the Customs and Excise Department in 1976 and rose progressively through the ranks. In 2006 he commenced an 8 year term as Head of the Customs and Immigration Service. He retired in January 2014.

Mr. Robinson's considerable investigative and managerial experience includes first-hand experience of change management at the senior level as a consequence of the merging of the then separate Customs and Immigration Departments through 2005 and 2006. During his time with Customs he was awarded a number of commendations from the Agent of the Impôts, HM Solicitor General and the Royal Court for his contribution to a number of successful operations.

Having enjoyed the first year of his retirement, Mr. Robinson now has both the inclination and the time available to meet the demands of this important honorary role. His relevant and recent knowledge of the workings of the States of Jersey should prove invaluable to the committee as its programme of work develops.

Mr. Robinson's interests include golf, boating and the theatre.

## **PROCESS**

The above nominations were arrived at following a recruitment and selection process based on the States of Jersey Appointments Commission Recruitment Code. In this regard, the Chairman adopted a similar process to that used by his predecessor, Deputy T.A. Vallois. A recruitment advertisement was placed in the Gazette section of the Jersey Evening Post newspaper on 28th and 29th November 2014. Following a number of initial enquiries, six applications were received. A recruitment panel consisting of Deputy A.D. Lewis, Deputy S.M. Wickenden and the Greffier of the States shortlisted 5 candidates before the Christmas break. Interviews were held in the week beginning 12th January 2015 and the recruitment panel members scored candidates' performance independently against pre-agreed criteria. The nominated candidates received the highest scores.