

STATES OF JERSEY



JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

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by the Environment and Public Services Committee**

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REPORT

Following an initial workshop and then a process of open advertisement the Environment and Public Services Committee has now established an Environmental Forum to provide advice to the Committee to assist its thinking about policies and programmes that affect the Environment and act as a sounding board. The forum will have no decision-making or executive functions.

It is hoped that the Forum will continue to develop the successful relationships between Government, the public and non-governmental stakeholders that was found to be helpful in predecessor groups, such as the Les Mielles sub-committee, and it will do this on an Island-wide scale. The forum will concentrate on strategic issues that have an Island-wide relevance and it will not therefore be an appropriate point of contact for those who wish to raise individual matters. These should continue to be taken up directly with the Environment or other relevant Departments.

The Forum has 12 members drawn from across the whole spectrum of those who have a stake in Jersey's environment. They have been selected as individuals rather than as representatives of any organisation(s) to which they may be affiliated. Members will participate on a voluntary basis and they are expected to be involved with the Forum for an initial period of 3 years. Where issues under discussion would benefit from even wider experience and expertise then the Forum is able to invite other people to attend and contribute as necessary. Fortunately an impressive list of those capable of making important contributions was established by the considerable number of expressions of interest that were received from the many people who could unfortunately not be accommodated in this first 3-year period.

The Forum will meet on average about 4 to 6 times each year and the meetings will be supported by officers. The first meeting will take place on 18th July 2003. It is the Committee's intention to ensure that a report summarising the work of the forum is brought to the States on an annual basis.

The names of the founder members of the forum are –

Mr. Charles Alluto
Mr. Jeremy Barnes
Mr. David Ellam
Dr. John Fa
Mr. Hugh Forshaw
Mr. James Godfrey
Mr. Bruce Labey
Mr. Graham le Lay
Mr. Howard Snowden
Mr. Mike Stentiford M.B.E.
Mr. Andrew Syvret
Mrs. Kirstie Walker.

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