

## **PFAS Scientific Advisory Panel - Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose of the panel**

To coordinate and provide expert advice on per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) issues to enable an effective and evidenced based approach to decision-making, enabling a sound and informed response to PFAS matters on the Island.

The panel was formed in May 2023, by the Government of Jersey, co-ordinated by the Public Health department in response to PFAS contamination.

### **Membership**

The panel will comprise of a small group drawing on international experts on PFAS, with 3 Panel members comprising of:

- Independent Chair: Dr Steve Hajioff
- PFAS & health expert: Dr Tony Fletcher
- PFAS & environment expert: Prof Ian Cousins

The members of the panel may also call additional experts on an ad hoc basis to provide, for example, expert testimonies or clinical advice.

### **Format of the meetings**

Panel meetings held in public will be online via Microsoft Teams and will be recorded. Affected Islanders are welcome to observe the meeting, or to watch the recording afterwards. Minutes of the meeting will also be available.

There will also be meetings to present the reports and Islanders will have an opportunity to provide feedback on what the panel proposes is included. These events will be held in person in the parish, subject to venue availability.

### **Structure and Accountability**

The PFAS Scientific Advisory Panel will work with the existing Government of Jersey PFAS technical group and any other sub-working groups as agreed.

The panel will report back to the Director of Public Health and may be asked to report findings to Ministers.

The panel will make recommendations but will not be a decision-making body.

The work of the panel will be internally considered by the Public Health Protection Strategic Partnership.

The decision to make significant changes to the panel lies with the Director of Public Health.

### **Funding and Financial responsibility**

Funding will be provided by the Government. The panel will have no responsibility for budgets.

### **Removal of members**

The removal of members would be under circumstances such as failure to perform duties and meet contractual needs, and/or serious misconduct. The decision to remove members sits with the Director of Public Health.

**Secretariat**

Support for meetings and basic admin will be provided by the Government of Jersey. Notes will be approved and circulated no later than 6 weeks after the meeting.

**Meetings**

Dates and frequency of meetings will be agreed by the Chair and the Director of Public Health.

**Changes to the Terms of Reference**

The Chair can recommend changes to the Terms of Reference to the Director of Public Health. Public Health will be responsible for version control. This will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis for the first year and annually thereafter, the Chair can make a recommendation for a review at any time.