

Independent review of the current roles of the Bailiff, the Attorney General and the Solicitor General

Terms of Reference

1. In accordance with the decision of the States on 4th February 2009 that an independent review shall be conducted into the current roles of the Bailiff, the Attorney General and the Solicitor General, and with particular regard to –

Part 1 – roles of the Bailiff (and Deputy Bailiff)

- The role of the Bailiff as Chief Justice, President of the States and civic head of the Island;

Part 2 – roles of the Attorney General and Solicitor General

- The roles of the Attorney General (and Solicitor General) as legal adviser to the States of Jersey, to the Council of Ministers and to Scrutiny Panels, chief prosecutor, head of the Jersey honorary police, and acting in the interests of the Crown in Jersey;

and taking into consideration –

- (1) the principles of modern, democratic and accountable governance and human rights,
- (2) the nature of a small jurisdiction, the Island's traditions and heritage, the resources required, and the difficulties (if any) which have arisen in practice, and
- (3) such other matters as the Panel may consider relevant,

to prepare a report for consideration by the States –

- (a) on whether the current roles should be changed, and
- (b) if so, how they should be changed and what the likely cost implications of any such change might be.

2. The views of the public and local interest groups in Jersey should be sought and all such views taken into consideration.
3. Formal meetings and hearings of the Review Panel should be held publicly in Jersey unless the Panel believes that there are reasonable grounds for holding a meeting or hearing in camera.
4. The content of all written submissions to the Review Panel will be made available to the public, unless the Panel believes that there are reasonable grounds for non-disclosure of a submission or part of a submission, and should be attributed unless the submitter explicitly requests that a submission shall be non-attributed and the Panel accepts the reasons for such a request.