



Press Release

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Review of work permit and immigration measures

An urgent review of Alderney's work permit system is under way to make sure it is fit for purpose following the end of the Brexit transition period, likely to be December 31.

"Ironically, our current immigration and work permit system, which was designed to conform with our own and the UK's obligations to the EU, allows us to discriminate against UK nationals but not against European Economic Area nationals," said James Dent, Chairman of the Policy & Finance Committee (P&F).

"Clearly we need to ensure our employment controls focus on the availability of the skills required to deliver services on Island as opposed the nationality of workers."

P&F has also supported proposed changes to immigration control measures set out by Guernsey's Committee for Home Affairs. It is intended that the Bailiwick will have provisions that match the UK's own immigration laws.

For border management purposes, the Bailiwick would also be empowered to collect and process immigrant biometric data – typically this could include fingerprint, facial imaging, iris and, as appropriate, other information.

These provisions are a response to the changes which will see the end of the free movement of EEA nationals. However, the status of Irish nationals would not be affected.

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