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Dear William

### **POLICY LETTER – THE BAILIWICK’S PARTICIPATION IN UK FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS**

Further to our conversation during the Bailiwick Council meeting earlier today, this letter is to reiterate that it is important that the Policy Letter entitled, ‘The Bailiwick’s Participation in UK Free Trade Agreements’ (‘FTA PL’) be considered by the States of Alderney at the earliest possible opportunity please.

It was agreed in June (including in discussions in the Bailiwick Council on 25 June) that one FTA PL would be written (by Guernsey civil servants) for consideration by the parliaments of all three jurisdictions of the Bailiwick.

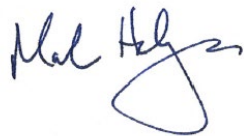
The FTA PL was written and approved, published in early July in Guernsey and sent to Alderney and Sark at that time (together with bespoke Propositions for Alderney and Sark which had been drafted in Guernsey) (earlier drafts of the FTA PL had also been sent to Alderney and Sark).

The FTA PL was considered and all Propositions approved by Chief Pleas of Sark on 07 July 2021. It was considered and all Propositions approved by the States of Deliberation on 10 September 2021. (Due to the Rules of Procedure, the FTA PL was listed to occur late in the agenda for the States of Deliberation meeting which began on 08 September, but a motion was put forward to ensure that it was covered on 10 September rather than the risk of it being deferred to the meeting starting on 29 September.)

The matter was due to be considered by the States of Alderney at its meeting of 22 September, but for some reason was not included in the agenda for that meeting. Alderney was already the last of the three jurisdictions due to consider the matter and any further delay is likely to cause difficulties and delays for the next steps, including in regard to FTA negotiations and application for the whole Bailiwick. As we have discussed, waiting until the next scheduled States of Alderney meeting on 20 October would be too late in that respect. Alternatively, Alderney would not be able to be included in the FTAs at the same time as the other jurisdictions of the Bailiwick.

If you require any further information, please contact me or the officers in the External Relations team.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M A J Helyar'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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Member, Policy & Resources Committee, Guernsey (and lead member for Bailiwick matters)

CC: Ian Carter, Deputy Chair, Policy & Finance Committee