

# Press Release

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## **POLICY and FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The States of Alderney Policy and Finance Committee met on 24 June 2014. The full minutes will be published shortly and the following two issues are worthy of note.

### **Engagement with the public**

The Committee agreed a revised process for engagement with the public for the next three months. This follows feedback at the last People's Meeting and a desire to improve the quality and breadth of dialogue.

Chairman, Francis Simonet said " We are keen to respond to the public by trying a different and more structured approach to the question and answer sessions at People's Meetings. The current process isn't working well and we will evaluate the new approach after three meetings."

The new approach invites written questions in advance so that a properly researched response can be provided in a session that will take place after the formal People's Meeting. Full details are included on the website.

### **Inheritance Law**

Following a period of consultation, the Committee agreed a recommendation to ask the law officers to draft the changes required to introduce testamentary freedom.

Robert McDowall said "it was encouraging that the consultation feedback was strongly in favour of the proposed changes. There is a clear desire for change and we hope to have the draft legislation in place by the end of the year."