



Constitution of the

States of Deliberation and Committee Responsibilities

On May 1st the structure of Guernsey's Government changed. There are fewer Deputies (a reduction from 45 to 38, plus 2 Alderney representatives) and six Principal Committees rather than ten Departments. The new structure is shown in the diagram at the back of this factsheet.

The Disability and Inclusion Strategy progress lies with this team. **#MakeltReal**

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Senior Committee

Policy & Resources Committee

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Principal Committee

Committee for Employment & Social Security

Responsible for social insurance, pensions, social housing, supplementary benefit, housing benefit, long-term care insurance, health and safety in the workplace, social inclusion including disability, industrial relations, legal aid. These were previously mainly functions of Social Security and Housing.

Purpose - To foster a compassionate, cohesive and aspirational society in which responsibility is encouraged and individuals and families are supported through schemes of social protection relating to pensions, other contributory and non-contributory benefits, social housing, employment, re-employment and labour market legislation.

The Disability and Inclusion Strategy is now the responsibility of this new committee.

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Principal Committee

Committee for Health & Social Care

Responsible for adult social care, welfare and protection of children, young people and families, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases, illnesses and conditions, mental health, care of the elderly, health promotion, environmental health, public health. These were previously mainly functions of HSSD.

Purpose - To protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of individuals and the community.

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Principal Committee

Committee for Home Affairs

Responsible for crime prevention, law enforcement, justice policy, new population management regime (once introduced), immigration, housing control and right to work, prison and probation, fire and rescue, trading standards, data protection, emergency planning, civil defence, lotteries and gambling, electoral roll. These were previously mainly functions of Home and Housing

Purpose - To support a high standard of living and quality of life by maintaining and promoting a safe, stable and equitable society which values public protection and justice and respects the rights, responsibilities and potential of every person.

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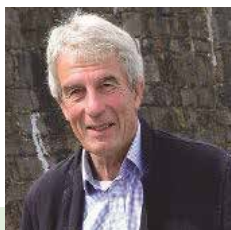


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Principal Committee

Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure

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Purpose - To protect and enhance the natural and physical environment and develop infrastructure in ways which are balanced and sustainable in order that present and future generations can live in a community which is clean, vibrant and prosperous.

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Principal Committee

Committee for Education, Sport & Culture

Responsible for education, apprenticeships, sport, leisure and recreation, libraries, museums, galleries and heritage, archaeology, the arts, Island archives, civic celebrations including Liberation Day. These were previously mainly functions of Education and Culture & Leisure.

Purpose - To encourage human development by maximising opportunities for participation and excellence through education, learning, sport and culture at every stage of life.

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Principal Committee

Committee for Economic Development

Responsible for promotion and development of all sectors of business (e.g. tourism, construction, horticulture, retail, digital, manufacturing, finance), securing and promoting air and sea links, competition and regulation, broadcasting and media, living marine resources (e.g. fishing). These were previously mainly functions of Commerce & Employment.

Purpose - To secure prosperity through the generation of wealth and the creation of the greatest number and widest range of employment opportunities possible by promoting and developing business, commerce and industry in all sectors of the economy.

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Authorities, Boards and Commissions

Development & Planning Authority

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Civil Contingencies Authority

To carry out the functions set out in the Civil Contingencies Law, 2012.

The permanent members of the Authority are the holders of the following offices:
President of the Policy & Resources Committee, who is the Chairman of the Authority ;
President of the Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure;
President of the Committee for Health & Social Care;
President of the Committee for Home Affairs

States Assembly and Constitution Committee

Review procedures in connection with the Island's Constitution and Government.

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Scrutiny Management Committee

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The Structure of the States of Guernsey

Information on the structure of the States of Guernsey and the responsibilities of each Committee, Board, Commission and Authority can be found on www.gov.gg.

Guernsey's parliament is called 'The States of Deliberation'. Its meetings are generally held on a monthly basis where agenda items (contained in a publication called a Billet d'État) are discussed. The States of Deliberation have the power to raise taxation, determine expenditure and pass legislation.

Constitution of the States of Deliberation

The States of Deliberation comprise:

A Presiding Officer, who is ex officio the Bailiff (or in his absence the Deputy Bailiff, as Deputy Presiding Officer)

The two Law Officers of the Crown: Her Majesty's Procureur (Attorney-General) and Her Majesty's Comptroller (Solicitor-General)

38 People's Deputies and two Representatives of the States of Alderney

The Bailiff of Guernsey is the ex-officio Presiding Officer. He is also the senior judge of the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the first citizen of the Bailiwick.

It is the Presiding Officer's duty to maintain order, moderate debate and regulate the conduct of business.

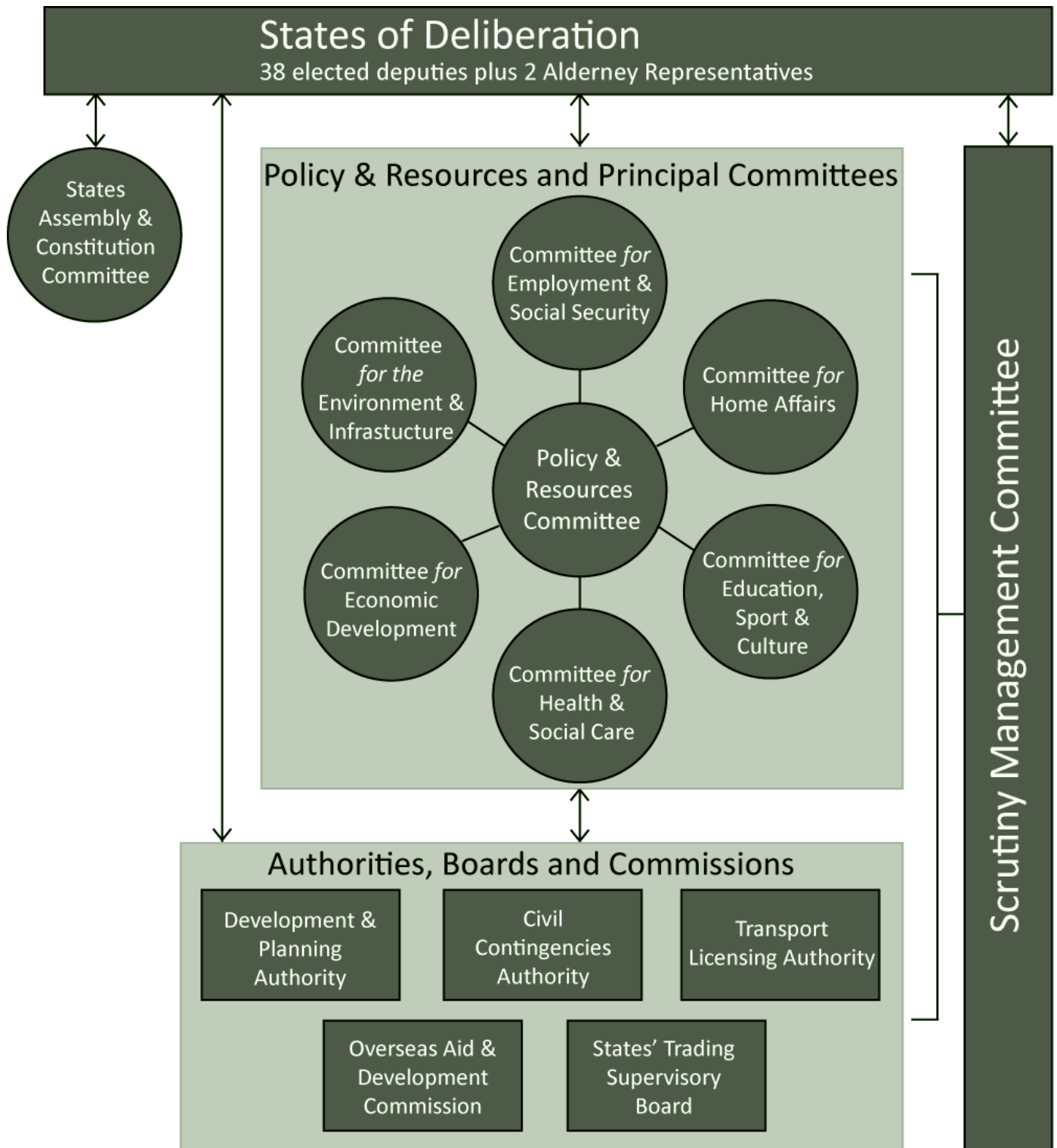
The Law Officers of the Crown have seats ex officio: they have a voice but no vote.

The 38 Deputies are elected in seven districts. There are two representatives from the Parliament of the island of Alderney which is known as the States of Alderney. All 40 members stand as independents and Guernsey Deputies are elected for a period of 4 years.

Guernsey's system of government operates on a system based on consensus as there are no political parties in Guernsey.

In addition to the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff and the Law Officers of the Crown who are Crown appointments, Her Majesty The Queen also appoints a Lieutenant Governor, who is her personal representative in the Bailiwick.

Guernsey States of Deliberation structure



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