

# **Parish of St Helier**

## **2021 Shadow Conseil Municipal Proposals**

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For consideration by the Parish Assembly  
on 28 October 2020 at 7pm

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### **PARISH OF ST HELIER**

**P02.2020**



## **PROPOSITION**

**THE PARISHIONERS are asked to take into consideration and if deemed advisable to approve:**

the continuation of the Shadow Conseil Municipal for St Helier until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021; and that the membership of the 2021 Shadow Conseil Municipal comprises of those currently serving as members together with anyone elected to the Parish Roads Committee in December 2020.

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### **Report**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Parish Assembly established the Shadow Conseil Municipal on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019, following the recommendation of the Municipal Reform Working Group (P.06/2019).

The Shadow Conseil Municipal has operated during 2020 both to test the concept of how a more permanent body could operate and to hold discussions with Government. Despite the pandemic, the Shadow Conseil Municipal has

operated throughout the year, holding meetings physically and online.

P.06/2019 set an expectation that the Parish Assembly would receive a report on the work of the Shadow Conseil Municipal, its conclusions and the way forward in December 2020. The impact of the pandemic has delayed progress, and the Shadow Conseil Municipal is seeking a six-month continuation to conclude its trial.

## **2. Proposal to extend Shadow Conseil Municipal**

The Shadow Conseil Municipal has operated during 2020, holding its meetings in public, either physically or virtually. It agreed its Standing Orders and ways of working, and established three Portfolio Committees:

- Public engagement
- Community services
- Environmental.

Each of these Committees developed a Portfolio Plan setting out their objectives and work plan. These Portfolio Plans were presented to the

Shadow Conseil Municipal who considered and approved each plan.

The Shadow Conseil Municipal met regularly during 2020; during the pandemic these meetings were held virtually. The Shadow Conseil Municipal met with the Planning and Environment Minister and the Assistant Minister for Economic Development to discuss the potential for the Parish / Shadow Conseil Municipal to take on responsibility of some further decision making in key areas that would help the Parish deliver on its objectives.

During the pandemic, the Parish, in discussion with local businesses, identified some areas where a transfer of authority to the Parish had the potential to streamline processes required to support the town centre through the Christmas period and beyond. The Constable formally wrote to the following, requesting they consider delegating decision-making authority on some of these matters in September 2020:

- Bailiff: Entertainment and busking
- Bailiff: Licencing
- Minister: Planning
- Minister: Al fresco and infrastructure.

The work of the Portfolio Committees is regularly reported to the Shadow Conseil Municipal and it is anticipated that each Portfolio Committee will prepare a report on progress against their 2020 Plans early in 2021.

The pandemic has delayed progress against the planned timetable, and the Shadow Conseil Municipal is recommending that it be continued for the first six months of 2021 to enable it to conclude its work and consider options for the way forward.

The following timetable sets out the proposals for the remainder of 2020 and first six months of 2021:

Proposed time frame for extension of Shadow Conseil Municipal

<b>Time frame</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Other relevant info</b>
Oct 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposal to extend Shadow Conseil Municipal</li></ul>	

	considered and agreed.	
Oct 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Assembly to consider extending the Shadow Conseil Municipal six months into 2021.</li> </ul>	
December 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Roads Committee members</li> </ul>
Feb 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portfolio Committees present report on achievements against 2020 work plans</li> </ul>	
March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shadow Conseil Municipal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable to assess impact of any delegated</li> </ul>

	workshop on Lessons Learned	powers given in Autumn 2020
April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on Shadow Conseil Municipal trial inc. options for way forward</li> </ul>	
May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shadow Conseil Municipal to consider final report on preferred way forward</li> </ul>	
June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on proposed way forward to Parish Assembly for consideration</li> <li>• Shadow Conseil Municipal formally ends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constable to update Comité de Connétables</li> </ul>

July 2021 onward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Action and implement way forward as adopted by Parish Assembly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constable to consult upon way forward proposals</li></ul>
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This process enables the Shadow Conseil Municipal to develop and consider what it believes to be the most appropriate way forward, and for a Parish Assembly to receive and consider this recommendation in June 2021.



### **3. Proposal for membership of Shadow Conseil Municipal 2021**

If the Parish Assembly agrees to continue the Shadow Conseil Municipal until June 2021, the Shadow Conseil Municipal recommends the following approach to establishing its membership for 2021.

The purpose of the extension is to allow the Shadow Conseil to complete its trial, prepare a report on its 2020 work programme, and consider options for the way forward. Therefore, it is important to retain the members and experience gained through the 2020 trial.

It is recommended that rather than holding new elections for members for the six-month continuation, the Parish Assembly agrees the following membership:

- Members of the 2020 Shadow Conseil Municipal remain members until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021; and
- Anyone elected to the Parish Roads Committee in December 2020 is also a member of the Shadow Conseil Municipal 2021, until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## **4. Conclusion**

The Parish Assembly is asked to consider continuing the Shadow Conseil Municipal until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021; its 2021 membership comprising existing members along with anyone elected to the Parish Roads Committee in December 2020.