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**Dear Deputy Green** 

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## **Appointment of the Head of Curriculum and Standards**

I write in relation to the letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 entitled 'Appointment of the Head of Curriculum and Standards' sent by the Scrutiny Management Committee.

At its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August all members of the Policy & Resources Committee in attendance re-affirmed their full co-operation, as is their practice, should your Committee establish a review or inquiry into the circumstances relating to the above matter, which we would welcome. For the avoidance of doubt, this would include the provision of all relevant and un-redacted material; our own knowledge and recollections of events as witness testimony; and as required written statements and supporting material from officers of the States of Guernsey.

The Committee will also make arrangements to release the material thus far collated by the examination of facts it had instigated and will now cease further work in this regard in light of your Committee's response to this matter. To facilitate its presentation, and given the personal and sensitive nature of this material and further evidence you will secure, the Committee would welcome early guidance on the approach that will be adopted with regards to handling the inquiry, the material submitted to it, and the publication of its findings. As you are aware this is now a challenging area of balance to be struck by government having regard in particular to GDPR and the Access to Public Information Code of Practice.

The Policy & Resources Committee recognises that the terms of reference for any review or inquiry established by the Scrutiny Management Committee are rightly a matter for it alone. However, the Committee thought it useful to suggest that, if practicable, it may make sense for any work you undertake to dovetail or feed into the programme of governance reviews already in train; or it may be worth taking the opportunity to review more generally the senior officer recruitment processes operated for and with the Office of the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture.

Cognisant that this is an unscheduled piece of work by your Committee, which clearly requires immediacy in its discharge to secure the clearest recollections from contributors and may strain your Committee's resources, the Policy & Resources Committee requests that the Scrutiny Management Committee raises any resource implications at an early stage so as not to prejudice or delay due process.

Yours sincerely

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