

Shadow Conseil Municipal Portfolios

Introduction

Our main focus this year must be to engage with the Council of Ministers and its officials in a constructive way to see what responsibilities we can take on, how any delegated powers would be discharged by the Parish without adding to the financial burden already placed on our ratepayers. The monthly meetings of the Conseil will provide a valuable opportunity for us to enter into positive discussions with individual Ministers to try to achieve this. I do not expect the Shadow Conseil Municipal to be able to achieve all that it would wish to in this regard by the end of the year, but the Conseil does need to find a sufficient number of 'early wins' if the States Assembly is to be persuaded to approve the necessary law changes, in particular, the evolution of the present Roads Committee into a fully functioning local government body.

Our secondary aim will be to create a small number of 'Portfolio Committees' complementing the work which is already being done on behalf of parishioners by the States of Jersey, including individual Parish Deputies, the Roads Committee, and by the team at the Town Hall. Success in this enterprise will lead to the completion of certain projects which we will be able to evidence as showing that there is clear added value in having a St Helier Conseil Municipal. It is for this reason that I am proposing to set up portfolio committees rather than the dozen or so portfolios to be allocated to individual members as originally envisaged; while I would expect a properly constituted Conseil Municipal to do this, Jason and I both believe that working cooperatively in small groups on a more modest number of initiatives is the best way forward for the Shadow Conseil, as we must not bite off more than we can chew! When you have had a chance to look at the areas of focus we are proposing for these committees I hope you will agree with us that this approach is sensible.

The following pages set out the following proposed portfolio areas:

- Public engagement
- Community services
- Improving the environment

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Portfolio Title:	Public Engagement
Portfolio Brief:	Engaging with parishioners, understanding their views, communicating Parish issues, increasing participation in Parish life, activities, issues and politics
Contributing to Parish Objective(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling and facilitating social inclusion, well-being & community engagement for all Parishioners • Delivering value for money to ratepayers, keeping the Parish Rate low. • Providing modern, pro-active services whilst retaining & promoting local traditions, culture, arts and history
Long Term Portfolio Objective	To increase engagement and involvement of our community local decision making and service delivery.
Lead Officer	TBA
Committee Members:	TBA

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Portfolio Title:	Community Services
Portfolio Brief:	Ensuring the vulnerable in our Parish have the services and care they need, facilitating provision of services to meet parishioners' needs, promoting and enabling access to services provided within the Parish
Contributing to Parish Objective(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling and facilitating social inclusion, well-being & community engagement for all Parishioners • Delivering value for money to ratepayers, keeping the Parish Rate low. • Providing modern, pro-active services whilst retaining & promoting local traditions, culture, arts and history • Facilitating & promoting a town where businesses can flourish and parishioners are able to participate in economic activity
Long Term Portfolio Objective	To ensure that parishioners can access the services they need
Lead Officer	TBA
Committee Members:	TBA

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Portfolio Title:	Improving the Environment
Portfolio Brief:	Improving the physical, built and natural environment of the Parish, promoting a reduction in the carbon footprint of St Helier, facilitating and promoting sustainable environmentally friendly transport proposals
Contributing to Parish Objective(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering a safe, clean, attractive, environmentally friendly, natural and built environment • Delivering value for money to ratepayers, keeping the Parish Rate low. • Providing modern, pro-active services whilst retaining & promoting local traditions, culture, arts and history • Facilitating & promoting a town where businesses can flourish and parishioners are able to participate in economic activity • Facilitating and promoting a vibrant, inclusive, engaging, accessible capital
Long Term Portfolio Objective	To improve the physical, built and natural environment of the Parish
Lead Officer	TBA
Committee Members:	TBA