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## Bilateral Visit from the States of Deliberation, Bailiwick of Guernsey

Houses of Parliament

18-19 October 2016

### Programme





## Project Overview

1.01. Parliamentarians from the UK and the States of Deliberation, Guernsey participate in regular multilateral activities facilitated by the CPA British Islands and Mediterranean Region (CPA BIMR), of which CPA UK is the Secretariat. CPA Guernsey has regularly visited the UK Parliament with parliamentary delegations in order to familiarise new Deputies with the Westminster system, shared parliamentary practice and procedure and the role of the Commonwealth in promoting good governance and links between parliamentarians.

1.02. On 16 September 2015, CPA UK hosted two Deputies from Guernsey in Westminster for a day's visit aimed at learning and discussing ways of promoting female candidacy in the Guernsey General Election in April 2016. The election saw fourteen new Deputies elected. Following the election, the proportion of women in the States more than doubled, from five to twelve of 38 seats.

1.03. CPA UK will host a delegation of up to ten new parliamentarians from Guernsey from 18-19 October. The programme will familiarise the new Deputies with the UK political landscape and Westminster system. It will also focus on specific areas of interest to their legislature; representation and empowerment of women, the role of parliamentarians in oversight and scrutiny, and public outreach and social media.

## Aim and Objectives

2.01. **Aim.** The aim of the bilateral visit is to build the knowledge and understanding of the Westminster political system through parliamentary exchanges and forums, focussing on key areas of importance for the States of Guernsey.

### 2.02. Objectives.

1. Provide an introduction to the Westminster parliamentary system and UK political landscape through exchanges between parliamentary colleagues.
2. Facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience in key priority areas for the States:
  - Scrutiny and oversight of the Executive
  - Representation of women in parliament and empowerment of women parliamentarians
  - Public outreach and social media
3. Strengthen the bilateral relationship between Guernsey Deputies and UK counterparts, including the Channel Islands APPG.





## Facilitators

3.01. The Workshop will be facilitated by CPA UK with support from:

- UK Parliament
- CPA Guernsey
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Secretariat

## Participants

4.01. The delegation will be as follows:

Deputy Matthew Fallaize

Deputy Sarah Hansmann Rouxel

Deputy Victoria Oliver

Deputy Robert Prow

Deputy Lindsay de Sausmarez

Deputy Jeremy Smithies

Deputy Dawn Tindall

Deputy Rhian Tooley

Deputy Emilie Yerby

Simon Ross, *Senior Deputy Greffier*





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## 4.01. Programme (subject to change)

Tuesday 18 October		
0915	Arrive at Portcullis House Entrance , Victoria Embankment, Houses of Parliament <i>Met by Anna Burt, Executive Assistant</i>	
0930	<i>Drop off bags at CPA room</i>	
0940	<b>Tour of the Houses of Parliament</b>	Westminster Hall
1100	<i>Coffee break</i>	CPA Room
1130	<b>Welcome and Introduction to CPA UK, CPA BIMR and CWP</b> <i>Helen Haywood, Deputy Chief Executive, CPA UK</i>  This session will provide an update on the role and work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Branch and its relationship with Commonwealth parliaments. It will also provide an introduction to the British Islands and Mediterranean Region and Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians, which CPA UK and Guernsey are actively involved with.	CPA Room
1230	<i>Lunch</i>	CPA Room
1400	<b>Parliagender and the Representation of Women in Parliament</b> <i>Chloe Challender, Parliagender</i>  This session will explore progress made in Guernsey and the UK on gender representation in parliament, and discuss the role of the Westminster Workplace Equality Networks such as Parliagender, in raising awareness of gender-sensitivity and advocating for development of the diversity of parliament.	CPA Room
1500	<b>Meeting with Baroness Jenkin of Kennington</b> <i>Treasurer, All Parliamentary Group for Women in Parliament</i>  This session will give an insight into the role of the APPG for Women in Parliament including key challenges and current initiatives. It will also be an opportunity to highlight the progress made in Guernsey.	CPA Room
1615	<i>Leave for CPA Secretariat</i>	
1630	<b>Meeting with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Secretariat</b>	CPA Secretariat, 7 Millbank
<b>End of Day One</b>		
1900	<b>Dinner - coordinated by CPA Guernsey</b>	Strangers'





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		dining room
<b>Wednesday 19 October</b>		
0830	<p>Arrive at Portcullis House Entrance, Victoria Embankment, Houses of Parliament</p> <p><i>Met by Rachael Atkins, Americas, Caribbean and Europe Programme Manager</i></p>	
0840	<i>Drop off bags etc. at CPA Room, Westminster Hall</i>	Westminster Hall
0900	<p><b>Tour of the Education Centre</b></p> <p>Opened in 2015, the Education Centre provides much needed practical facilities and a purpose-built learning environment for schools and teachers. This has enabled the Education Service to double the number of students who visit Parliament each year, from 45,000 to 100,000. The Centre makes use of creative and immersive technologies to create a unique learning experience.</p>	Education Centre
1000	<p><b>Meeting with Rt Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst MP, BIMR Regional Representative</b></p> <p>This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss regional issues and the relationship between Parliaments in the British Islands and Mediterranean Region of the CPA.</p>	Room W4
1045	<p><i>Coffee with Indian Young Politicos</i></p> <p>CPA UK will be hosting a group of young politicians from India who will be visiting Westminster to gain awareness of the UK parliamentary system and deepen political linkages between the UK and India. This will provide an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest and introduce the delegation to each other.</p>	IPU Room
1100	<p><b>Briefing on Prime Minister's Questions</b></p> <p><i>Rt Hon. David Hanson MP (Labour)</i></p> <p><i>Joined by delegation of Indian Young Politicos, in partnership with the British High Commission New Delhi</i></p> <p>This session will provide an introduction to the current UK political landscape and the background, history and purpose of Prime Minister's Questions.</p>	IPU Room
1145	<i>Transfer to Commonwealth Gallery</i>	
1200	<b>View Prime Minister's Questions</b>	Commonwealth Gallery
1300	<b>Lunch with Rt. Hon Lindsay Hoyle MP, Principal Deputy Speaker &amp; Chairman of Ways and Means</b>	The Adjournment,





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		Portcullis House
1415	<b>Observation of Committee Hearing:</b>  <b>Treasury Select Committee: Oral Evidence Session</b> <i>The work of the Chancellor of the Exchequer</i>	The Thatcher Room, Portcullis House
1500	<i>Tea break</i>	Room W4
1530	<b>Public Outreach and Social Media</b> <i>Matt Instone, Social Media Engagement Lead, Parliamentary Digital Service</i>  <p>This session will explore the increasing importance of online media in parliamentary engagement with the public. It will explore the work of the parliamentary digital service, with a specific focus on social media. It will provide the opportunity of a briefing on effectively using Twitter, Facebook and other forms of social media to promote parliamentary engagement and increase awareness of their activities.</p>	Room W4
1630	<b>Empowering Parliamentarians in scrutiny and oversight</b> <i>Larry Honeysett, Head of the Finance Team, Scrutiny Unit, House of Commons</i>  <p>This session will explore the oversight and scrutiny role of parliamentarians and the resources they can employ to assist their work. Through discussions on the role of the UK Parliament's Scrutiny Unit, delegates will gain an insight into the UK oversight system, and will have the opportunity to discuss the Guernsey Scrutiny Committee, including shared challenges and solutions.</p>	Room W4
1730	<i>End of Programme</i>	

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## Annex 1: Delegate Biographies



### Deputy Matthew Fallaize

States Member for Vale district

Deputy Matt Fallaize was first elected in 2008: at the age of 26 he was at the time the Island's youngest politician. He was elected in first place in his multi-member constituency (the Vale) in 2008, 2012 and 2016.

In his first term in the States he served as a member of three committees:

Education, Scrutiny and States' Assembly & Constitution (House Committee). In his second term in the States he led the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee and sat on two other committees: Home and States' Review, the latter of which led reforms to the Island's machinery of government which came into effect in May, 2016. In the present States' term he serves as President of the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee and as a member of the Committee for Employment & Social Security and also sits on a panel reviewing the relationship between the States Assembly and the Attorney General's Office.

Deputy Fallaize's main political interests include education, social welfare, fiscal policy and constitutional affairs.

Outside politics his main interests are sporting, in particular football. He played football for Guernsey at youth level. He is also an avid reader of political biographies. He is married and has two children.



### Deputy Sarah Hansmann Rouxel

States Member for Vale district

Sarah Hansmann Rouxel grew up in South Africa and witnessed the dismantling of Apartheid. After studying speech and drama at the University of Cape Town, she pursued a career in performing arts working in theatre, film television and stand-up comedy. She has a background in Applied Improvisation, using improvisational techniques in community and business. She is married with two children and was elected to the States of Guernsey in April 2016. She is on the Committee for the

Environment & Infrastructure and new appointed States Champion for Disabled People.







## **Deputy Victoria Oliver**

States Member for South East district

Deputy Victoria Oliver studied at the University of the West of England where she achieved a 2:1 in Business in Property. Before entering politics Victoria worked at GVA as a senior chartered surveyor specialising in lease consultancy for both landlords and tenants. She was elected in May 2016 and still continues to do surveying on an ad hoc basis.



## **Deputy Robert Prow**

States Member for South East district

Deputy Robert Prow was Elected Deputy in May 2016 for the South East district. Prior to this Robert spent a number of years working for the Guernsey Border Agency, holding the role of Chief Officer from 2004 - 2012. Since 2013 Robert has worked as a Consultant in Management and Information Security Management Systems, and as Director of the charity Drug Concern. Robert is a certified level 1 Football Association coach and part of the coaching team set up at St Martin's Football Club. At senior football level, Robert ran a Sunday soccer team for nearly thirty years and was President of the League for some eight years.



## **Deputy Lyndsey de Sausmarez**

States Member for South East district

Lyndsey de Sausmarez studies English Literature at Durham University, later undertaking an MA in Theatre at the University of New South Wales. She has worked variously in film, TV and theatre production and as a writer and editor. Elected to the States of Guernsey in April 2016, Lyndsey sits on the Committee for the Environment and Infrastructure and the States' Assembly and Constitution Committee. Her political interests are environmental policy and behavioural economics.







## **Deputy Jeremy Smithies**

States Member for Vale district

Deputy Smithies is a Chartered Engineer and is a Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. He was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree in 1992, having previously been awarded a BSc (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering and BA in Systems & Organisational Management.

Deputy Smithies has previously worked for Rolls Royce Military Aero-Engines Ltd. as a Business Planning Manager for the company and subsequently for Rolls-Royce (France) Ltd. as a Resident Overseas Executive, where he had overall responsibility for management of one of the company's offices and staff in South West France and was involved in all aspects of engineering, manufacturing and commercial business.

Following his return to Guernsey in 1998, Deputy Smithies worked as a Verification Engineer and then Company Secretary for Dynex Technologies (Guernsey) Ltd, before going on to work as Financial Director for Sarnia Technologies and Instrumentation Ltd. He subsequently qualified as a teacher in 2000, going on to teach mathematics and business studies, first at Elizabeth College and then at Blanchelande Girl's College until 2010. From 2011, he was employed as a Management Accounts consultant at AFR Support Services until his election as a Deputy in May 2016. He is currently Vice-President of the States' Trading Supervisory Board and a Member of the Development and Planning Authority.

Deputy Smithies was vice-President of the National Trust of Guernsey in 2004/5. He is a keen motor boater and spends many weeks on board during the summer months. He also retains a great interest in equestrian activities having, in his youth represented the Island in carriage driving and more recently having completed a 160 mile ride to Santiago de Compostela over 5 consecutive days.



## **Deputy Dawn Tindall**

States Member for St Peter Port South district

Dawn Tindall studied Law, with Politics as a subsidiary subject, qualifying as a Solicitor (E&W) from Guildford. Dawn moved to Guernsey in January 2007 working as In-House Counsel advising on private client, tax and compliance. Dawn was elected in April 2016 and sits on the Development & Planning Authority, Transport Licensing Authority, Legislation Review Panel and Douzaine Liaison Group. Dawns

interests include DIY, history and watching all sport. She attended the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Magna Carta mock trial of the Barons in Westminster Hall last year





## **Deputy Rhian Tooley**

States Member for St Peter Port South district

Rhian Tooley graduated from Birmingham University in 1993 and spent several years in teaching and youth work. After moving to Gloucestershire in 2002 she became an HR Manager and continued in this role until 2010 when, with her husband and 3 children, she moved to Guernsey. Three children became five and in 2016, and with them at school Rhian decided to enter the political arena and

was elected as a People's Deputy for St Peter Port South. She sits as Vice President on the Committee for Health and Social Care and is currently fully engaged in transforming the service offered to the people of Guernsey.

In her spare time she is Secretary of the Guernsey Lilies WI, writes fiction and poetry, enjoys sailing and is a keen amateur photographer.



## **Deputy Emilie Yerby**

States Member for West district

Emilie was elected to the States of Guernsey in 2016, and sits on two Principal Committees (Health & Social Care and Employment & Social Security) and the Transport Licensing Authority, and is President of the Guernsey Overseas Aid & Development Commission. She has a strong political interest in justice, inequality, human rights and peace-building. Prior to the election, Emilie was research manager at the Guernsey Community Foundation, with a focus on poverty and ageing well.

Emilie previously spent five years as a policy officer in the local civil service, working on welfare reform, disability policy, and health and social care. Emilie read Modern & Medieval Languages (French and Russian) at Cambridge, and is now completing a distance-learning Masters in Public Health at the University of Edinburgh. She's a keen linguist and bookworm, with a particular interest in Indian culture and history; and loves to travel whenever possible



## **Simon Ross**

*Senior Deputy Greffier*

Simon has degrees in art history, theology and in corporate governance and a certificate in French and Norman Customary Law from the University of Caen. In 2007 he was called to the bar by the Middle Temple. From 1986 -1989 he worked as a teacher in Peshawar, Pakistan. He was appointed Second Deputy Clerk of





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the States in 1999 and became Clerk Assistant (Deputy Greffier) in 2011. He has been associated with the CPA for 17 years. Simon is a member of the Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club and likes to sail but only in the summer.



## Annex 2: Speaker Biographies



**Helen Haywood**

*Deputy Chief Executive & Head of Strategy & Business Development, CPA UK*

As Head of Strategy & Business Development, Helen has responsibility for strategy, business planning and development, communications and marketing, finance and administration and stakeholder relations.

Deputy to the Chief Executive since 2011, she previously led the Southern & East Africa Team, has project managed numerous Westminster conferences and seminars and has accompanied delegations to many Commonwealth countries



**Chloe Challenger**

*Parliagender*

Chloe Challenger has worked at the House of Commons as a Clerk and lately as Deputy Director of Security. Before joining the House, she worked as a gender specialist at DFID and Oxfam, travelling to a number of African and Asian countries to work on women's empowerment. She chaired Parliament's gender network, Parliagender, from 2014-15 and remains an active committee member.



**Baroness Jenkin of Kennington (Conservative)**

*Treasurer, All Parliamentary Group for Women in Parliament*

Raised to the peerage in 2011, Lady Jenkin is a PR consultant who, in 2005, co-founded the Women2Win Campaign which aimed to increase the number of female Conservative MPs. She is currently the Chair of the Sustainable Resource Group, Chair of Conservative Friends of International Development, and Treasurer of the Population, Development and Reproductive Health Group, Treasurer of the Hunger Group, Treasurer of the Women in Parliament APPG, Chair of the Agro-Ecology for Sustainable Food and Farming Group and Vice-Chair of the Food Waste Group.



## **Rt Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst MP (Conservative)**

*Member for Saffron Walden*

*CPA BIMR Regional Representative*

Rt Hon. Sir Alan Haselhurst MP has been the Conservative Member for Saffron Walden since his election in 1977, prior to which he held the Middleton and Prestwich seat 1970-1974.

Sir Alan has served on various Committees in the House of Commons, including the Chairman's Panel (1992-2010); the Court of Referees (1997-2010); Standing Orders (1998-2010); Unopposed Bills Panel (2000-2010); and Administration Committee (Chair 2010 - 2015). He served as Deputy Speaker from 2007 to 2010. He currently serves on the Finance Committee which he has been a member of since 1997.

Sir Alan has been an active CPA Member since he was first elected to Parliament in 1970. His term as Chairperson of the CPA International Executive Committee came to an end in October of 2014, a position he had held since he was elected in July 2011.

Sir Alan became the British Islands and Mediterranean Region representative on the CPA Executive Committee in October 2015. He was Chair of the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council 1978-81 and has visited many Commonwealth Branches.

During his term as Deputy Speaker and as Chair of CPA UK he has welcomed many Commonwealth colleagues to the Houses of Parliament. In addition to his interest in the Commonwealth, he is interested in education, aerospace, aviation, youth affairs, agriculture and community development.



## **Rt Hon. David Hanson MP (Labour)**

*Member for Delyn*

David has been the Member of Parliament for Delyn since 1992.

He served as Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to the Prime Minister between 2001 -2005. Before this he served as PPS to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, a government Whip, and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales. From 2005, David held the position of Minister of State for Northern Ireland, and from 2007 he served as Minister of State for the Ministry of Justice. In opposition David has held the roles of Shadow Home Office Minister, Shadow Justice Minister, Shadow Treasury Minister, and Shadow Foreign & Commonwealth Office Minister.







**Rt. Hon Lindsay Hoyle MP (Labour)**

*Member for Chorley*

*Chairman of Ways & Means and Principle Deputy Speaker*

Lindsay was elected as Member of Parliament for Chorley in 1997. He was the first Labour politician to represent Chorley in 18 years. Before entering Parliament, Lindsay was a member of Chorley Borough Council. He was a member of the House of Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee and the European Scrutiny Select Committee.

Lindsay was elected Chairman of Ways and Means and Deputy Speaker on 8 June 2010. As Chairman of Ways and Means, he is the senior Deputy to the Speaker of the House of Commons. He is ultimately responsible for overseeing the Budget and any other Committee of the Whole House.

