

MEDIA RELEASE

To help voters choose between the record number of candidates standing in the deferred parish elections, Women in Public Life has created a voter information 'hub' on its website at womeninpubliclife.gg.

Each candidate has an individual page giving her or his contact details, plus links to their leaflet and any social media accounts. The hub also lists the polling stations and will include any Meet The Candidate events organised by the parishes.

At their parish meetings on 4th November, St Peter Port and St Martin's parishioners voted to defer their elections so that all eligible voters could take part, if they wish. The new election date is Wednesday 18th November 2020 and polling stations will be set up at the St Martin's Parish Hall for St Martin's and the Constables Office and Beau Sejour for St Peter Port from 10am to 8pm.

Shelaine Green, Chair of Women in Public Life, said: "The States aren't involved in the parish elections so there won't be a manifesto booklet or a glossy website that parishioners can look through. But with so much interest this year, we decided to help voters out by creating a simple information 'hub' on our own website. Our thanks to all the candidates who have sent us their contact details and campaign materials.

"If you live in St Peter Port or St Martin's, please take a look and go to your polling station on Wednesday 18th November. We all faithfully pay hundreds of pounds in parish rates each year, it's important that we take the time to choose who spends them."

Women in Public Life is group of local volunteers that inspires the women of Guernsey to stand for a variety of roles in public office. The group launched in January with a well-attended event that introduced women considering public office to people already doing the roles and those who recruited them.

The voter information 'hub' for the parish elections in St Peter Port and St Martin's is at womeninpubliclife.gg.

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1. Media contact for Women in Public Life: Shelaine Green.
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2. Women in Public Life inspires and supports the women of Guernsey to stand for public office. www.womeninpubliclife.gg. We are a support network for women, run by volunteers. We are not a political party or an association.

3. Examples of the roles described on womeninpubliclife.gg are:

Deputy

Douzenier/Constable

Jurat of the Royal Court

Business Adviser to a States Trading Asset

Non-States Member on a States Committee

Planning Panel