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BY EMAIL

Deputy Carl Meerveld
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Dear Deputy Meerveld

We very much appreciate that you and your SACC colleagues, Deputy Gollop and Deputy Fairclough, took the time to attend our 'It doesn't have to be this way – making Guernsey politics work better for everyone' event on 12 June. We hope you found it useful feedback from the perspective of local voters.

At both the 12 June event, and previously at our May Politics Group Live sessions, we asked the audience for positive ideas to help change Guernsey politics for the better.

The full list is at bit.ly/12Jun23.

The Top 5 were:

- Ask Bailiff to be stricter
- Citizens' assemblies
- Code of behaviour
- Film States meetings
- Training and mentors

Our members are keen to understand whether the Top 5 are matters that the Committee is already progressing and, if not, what would be needed to make them happen.

As a group that encourages women to stand for election, we would also appreciate an understanding of how the States Assembly compares to other workplaces when it comes to support for

- mental wellbeing
- being a victim of threats, bullying or harassment
- parenthood or other caring responsibilities
- illness or family crisis
- disabilities

I therefore write to ask if a delegation of members might attend a future SACC meeting to discuss these matters? I'm sure a number of our Politics Group would appreciate the chance to see a States committee in action.

Yours sincerely

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