

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

## CONFIDENTIAL

**Title of Report:** Selection of a Lay Member on the Planning and Building Committee

**Paper No:** 198/11

**Date:** 25 August 2011

**Report of:** Environmental Planning Officer

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### **1.0 Purpose**

1.1 To appoint a new Lay Member of the Planning and Building Committee.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 That the Governor in Executive Council and Honourable Members support the Planning and Building Committee's recommendation that Jason Lewis become the new Lay Member, on the Planning and Building Committee for a period of three years, and that this be effective from the date of the meeting of Executive Council.

**3.0 Summary of Financial Implications** – none.

### **4.0 Background**

4.1 The Planning and Building Committee has 5 Lay Members which are appointed for a period of 3 years to sit on the committee. The Planning Ordinance (Part II, Section 5 (1)) allows for "not fewer than five and not more than seven persons...in its membership. Two of the members of the Committee shall be elected by the elected members of the Legislative Council from among their number and all other members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Governor."

4.2 Lay Members play a valuable role in representing the community's views and contributing to a better quality of Committee decision.

4.3 One of the lay member positions recently became vacant and was advertised on the radio and in the Penguin News. There are no threshold criteria for applicants to meet and Mr Lewis was the only applicant.

4.4 He has submitted a letter setting out his reasons for applying (see Appendix A).

4.5 The Planning and Building Committee considered the application at its meeting on 4 August 2011 when it was agreed to recommend to ExCo that Mr Lewis be appointed as a lay member to serve on it.

**5.0 Financial Implications** – none.

**6.0 Legal Implications** – none.

**7.0 Human Resource Implications** – none.

## **Appendix A**

### **Information given by Mr Lewis**

Fiona,

I wish to put my name forward as a Lay member of the planning and building committee.

I have been living in Stanley since 1989 and have seen it develop over that time. I am interested in the unique way that Stanley looks and has developed and would like to have an input in that in the future.

My working life started up in the professional side of building industry working in a quantity Surveyors office and when I first arrived in the Islands I was working for the PWD design section. I have an understanding on how buildings are constructed and the reasons for the regulations involved. My experience also allows me to visualise buildings from the plans and elevation drawings that would be submitted by applicants.

Currently I run my own computer business and work part time, for fun, on the radio, within the tourist industry as a driver and tour guide. I'm married to Alison Inglis with two children and have many outside interests including FIODA.

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Best Regards  
Jason Lewis