



# Guernsey Border Agency

We would like to inform you of some important changes that are going to happen to the Guernsey Customs and Immigration Service.

From Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 the current Guernsey Customs and Excise, Immigration and Nationality Service will be known as the Guernsey Border Agency and from this date will be established on a shadow basis until it is constituted in law.

## Why is the Change Necessary?

In 2008 the States of Guernsey Government approved proposals regarding the Future of Law Enforcement. As a consequence it was agreed that a modernisation process to transform the current Guernsey Customs and Excise, Immigration and Nationality Service should commence to evolve the organisation into a law enforcement and border control agency to be known as the Guernsey Border Agency (GBA).

a variety of border control functions such as the protection and collection of revenue and passport issuance in addition to its specialist role of targeting top-end criminals engaged in cross border crime. The challenging and complex case work and linked criminal confiscation investigations which seek to remove the proceeds of crime will be another key area of specialism for the Agency.

## What will the GBA be?

The GBA will be split into 4 Divisions:

### Cross Border Crime

- Proactive investigation of cross border crime
- Frontier protection
- Financial Investigation Unit
- Joint intelligence work with the Police

### Immigration & Nationality

- Immigration crime
- Immigration border controls
- Issuance of British passports

### Customs & Excise

- Collection and protection of revenue
- Freight border control
- Provision of trade information and advice

### Corporate Services

- Dedicated corporate support
- Facilities management
- Research and strategy

It is recognised, locally and internationally, that combating international organised crime and effective border controls are inextricably linked. The new Agency will however continue to provide

There is an identified need to extend these techniques to identify individuals of interest beyond the

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present drug trafficking successes, to encompass financial crime, the funding of terrorism, identity theft, immigration crime and other cross border crime and also to support the Island Police with the provision of specialist assistance in relation to their policing responsibilities.

## Maintaining and Ensuring Operational Independence

It is vitally important to maintain the separate functions within the criminal justice system. Clear separation is required between policy making and operational matters so that law enforcement are operationally free from political interference. In order to achieve this, the States of Guernsey resolved to establish a Law Enforcement Commission which will take strategic direction from the States whilst providing accountability to the operationally independent law enforcement agencies. This will ensure that both services operate together efficiently with the minimum of duplication of effort.

## What will the GBA do?

The GBA will continue the work of the Customs and Immigration Service within the 4 Divisions of the GBA. Functions where the organisation comes into contact with the public such as passport issuance and revenue collection will not diminish and will continue to be efficiently delivered as we move to shadow agency status. Additionally the new Agency introduces the concept of cross border crime and the existing Law Enforcement Division of the Customs Service will transform into the Cross Border Crime Division working to prevent and combat cross border crimes including drug trafficking and financial and economic crime.

## Next Steps

From Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 the GBA will be established in shadow agency status operating under the new corporate identity. During this period the public will see GBA branding rolled out as existing signage and materials reach the end of their life. Changes will be made incrementally and there will be a period in which there will be a mix of old and new branded items in circulation. This will give the public and our partner organisations time to adjust to the changes.

**The GBA will operate in shadow status whilst work continues to ensure that the legislative and technical changes associated with making the move to full agency status are put in place. The move to full agency status will take place once the new legislation is ready to be implemented.**



## Financial Investigation Unit

The FIU is a new unit which has already been established as part of the GBA sitting within the Cross Border Crime Division. It has responsibility for the investigation of all financial crime with the exception of domestic fraud.

The FIU is divided into 3 sections:

- **Financial Intelligence Service**  
Providing relevant financial intelligence in order to assist local and international investigations
- **Civil Forfeiture Team**  
Dealing with the proceeds of unlawful conduct which have been deposited in bank accounts or held in cash locally
- **Criminal Team**  
Conduct investigations into money laundering, criminal confiscation and other serious financial and economic crime

The FIU will operate from:

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