

## New Director of Civil Aviation appointed for Channel Islands



A new Director of Civil Aviation has been appointed for the Channel Islands and will take up post in mid-September.

This is a pan-island role, covering Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney.

John Nicholas will be joining the Channel Islands' Office of the Director of Civil Aviation as the most senior aviation safety regulator. The role comprises several regulatory responsibilities for Channel Islands Controlled Air Space, including legal powers that cover regulation of the Jersey, Guernsey and Alderney airports; oversight of the technical approvals for any aircrafts registered with the Guernsey and Jersey aircraft registries; and oversight of aviation security and meteorological services.

Guernsey's Deputy Neil Inder, President of the Committee for Economic Development, said: *"We're pleased to welcome John to this important role. He has a lot of experience. John is initially appointed as Acting Director of Civil Aviation for a 6-month period. In accordance with the Aviation Laws, it is then intended that the States of Guernsey and Jersey's Minister for External Relations will be asked whether they wish to confirm Mr Nicholas as Director of Civil Aviation for a further period of 36 months."*

Minister for External Relations in Jersey, Deputy Philip Ozouf, said: *"I welcome the joint appointment of Mr Nicholas to the Channel Islands Office of the DCA as Director. John is a highly experienced aviation regulator and has worked in several senior roles at the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), as an aviation safety consultant and within airline commercial operations. He brings years of aviation safety and regulation experience to the Office, and we wish him every success in this critical role."*

John (pictured) added: *"Having consulted on Channel Islands aviation safety projects previously, I am looking forward to working in the islands again. The existing teams in Jersey and Guernsey have done a great job in the absence of a full-time DCA and I look forward building on their work."*