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# Comptroller and Auditor General announces appointment of new Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General

Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) Lynn Pamment, has today, Thursday 7 September 2023, announced the appointment of a new Deputy. The successful candidate is **Helen Thompson**, who will take up the post in November 2023.

With more than 30 years' experience in public audit and a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), Helen comes to the Jersey Audit Office from the role of Public Sector Audit Partner at EY. In her career to date she has focussed on leading specialist audit teams to deliver high quality external audits in the UK's central government, local government and the NHS.

## **Commenting on the Deputy's appointment, Lynn Pamment said:**

"I am delighted to announce Helen's appointment. From a strong field of over 25 candidates from the UK, Jersey and internationally, Helen's credentials and expertise were exceptional. Her experience and values are aligned closely with the core objectives of the Jersey Audit Office, which are to provide independent assurance to the people of Jersey that public money is spent economically, efficiently and effectively and that the controls and governance arrangements in place within public bodies demonstrate value for money.

"I look forward to welcoming Helen to the team and working with her to meet the challenges ahead, particularly as we move towards celebrating 20 years of the Office of Comptroller and Auditor General in 2025."

## **Helen Thompson added:**

"I believe that the public sector audit work I undertake provides assurance to the public, and wider stakeholders, that public money is spent properly on the purpose intended and for the benefit of all.

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“I will work with Lynn, the team and our stakeholders, to be open and honest about what needs to be done and why it needs to be done, even if at times this can feel uncomfortable. Ultimately, the Jersey Audit Office and the States of Jersey are both looking to achieve the best in public services and value for money where public money is being spent, and I look forward to being a part of that”.

## **ENDS**

The press release can be found at: <https://www.jerseyauditoffice.je>

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### **Notes to Editors:**

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- The remit of the C&AG includes the audit of financial statements, corporate governance, internal control and wider consideration of public funds, often expressed as 'value for money'
- The 2023 Audit Plan can be found at: [www.jerseyauditoffice.je](http://www.jerseyauditoffice.je)
- Lynn Pamment took up the Office of C&AG on 1 January 2020 for a fixed term of seven years. Following the introduction of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014 the term of office is fixed at seven years and is non-renewable.
- The Office of Comptroller and Auditor General is known as the 'Jersey Audit Office'.
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