

**FALKLAND ISLANDS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

MOTION 7 - ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT BY CANDIDATE SIMON WHITBOURN



Simon is a solicitor and legal writer. After initially working in local government, he moved to the Government Legal Department in 2001 and advised the Department for Education, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Home Office and Cabinet Office. In 2017, he established his own legal practice and now specialises in international, maritime and disaster law. As part of this work, he was retained on a project to review the maritime laws across the UK's Overseas Territories, a project which first took him to the Falkland Islands. Since then, he has continued to support the new maritime authority and assisted with the legal work relating to the registration of RRS Sir David Attenborough. His interest in the Falklands developed from this time and prompted him to join the Association.

Simon has published books on education and disaster law. Most recently, he produced a report for the International Federation of Red Cross Societies on the legal lessons to be learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Simon lives with his family in Hampshire. He is a volunteer legal adviser for the British Red Cross and maintains his interest in education as the chair of governors of his local primary school.