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COURT OF APPEAL FINDS FOR GCRA

The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA) welcome the judgment (9th July 2026) of the Court of Appeal in relation to the JT/Sure competition case, in which the operators attempted to argue they had not had a fair hearing when accused of colluding for commercial advantage in the mobile market.

The Court of Appeal has found that the Royal Court was wrong to set aside the Authority's decision as Sure and JT were given a fair hearing by the GCRA. It has therefore sent the case back to the Royal Court to consider the substantive contravention.

The case concerns conduct between Sure and JT, which included the secret exchange of commercially sensitive information and coordination which is forbidden under competition law. The GCRA considered that this conduct amounted to a conspiracy against the consumer and was therefore a breach of competition law. The potential consequence would, in the view of the GCRA, have weakened competition in a market that is essential to islanders, businesses and Guernsey's long-term digital and economic future.

GCRA believes the case raises important questions about the application of Guernsey's competition law and the standards expected of businesses operating in the Bailiwick.

John Curran, Chairman of the GCRA, said: "This decision by the Court of Appeal is important because it underlines that the GCRA has followed best practice and conducted its investigation into this matter correctly, ensuring both parties were given the opportunity to defend their actions."

Competition law exists to protect consumers, promote innovation, and ensure markets operate fairly. The GCRA is committed to ensuring that Guernsey consumers and the States of Guernsey receive a fair deal. Legal action is always a measure of last resort, but where we believe competition and consumers are at risk, we have a responsibility to act.

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