

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

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Proposition No. P.2016/48

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy E A Yerby
Seconded by: Deputy H J R Soulsby

Policy & Resources Committee

The Policy & Resource Plan – Phase One

To insert at the end of the words in Proposition 3:

“, but subject to the addition to the eight bullet points under the part of Appendix 1 entitled ‘Inclusive and equal community’ on page 12 of the following two bullet points:

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- Recognise the value of the early years, partnering with families and communities to ensure every child has a nurturing and supportive start in life
- Deliver on our responsibilities as Corporate Parent for all children in statutory care, including young care leavers””

Explanatory Note

The Children and Young People’s Plan was approved by the States in February 2016 (Billet d’Etat III, Article 13). Among the six key commitments made by the States, through the Policy Letter, were commitments that: “We will ensure the voices of children and young people are at the heart of everything we do” and “We will focus resources on early help and preventing problems getting worse for children, therefore reducing the numbers who then have high levels of need.” The first 1,001 days from conception to age two are identified as especially important for enabling children to have a good start in life.

The goals of the Children and Young People’s Plan are to ensure that all children in the Bailiwick are safe and nurtured, healthy and active, are able to achieve their individual and economic potential, and are included and respected.

The Children and Young People’s Plan also acknowledges the special duty that the States has toward children in statutory care, as their “Corporate Parent”.

While the direction of the Policy & Resources Plan is coherent with that of the Children and Young People's Plan, there are no explicit commitments to the wellbeing of the Bailiwick's children in the Policy & Resources Plan. These two bullet points are a simple, straightforward statement of the States' commitment to children, which reflect the spirit of the Children and Young People's Plan and ensure that children and young people are not overlooked in future policy development.