

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 L de Sausmarez

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 six bullet points under the part of Appendix 1 entitled 'Centre of excellence and innovation' on page 13 of the following two bullet points:

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- Promote innovation within the public sector and its partners, and in pursuit of the realisation of government policies and strategies
- Promote the pursuit of skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, providing opportunities for young men and women to gain the strong technical skills that underpin a creative, innovative society.""

Explanatory Note

In order to be a Centre of Excellence, we must embrace innovation within the public sector as well as in the wider economy. Creative and innovative ways of working will be central to delivering much of the Public Service Reform agenda, which is closely linked with the Policy & Resource Plan. The first bullet point makes this commitment clear.

The governments of most major developed economies have a commitment to building a strong skills base in STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] subjects, often as part of their strategies for business innovation and diversification. Investment in STEM provides a solid foundation for enterprise and economic growth. Recognising the need to develop skills in STEM shows that the States is serious in its commitment to high-quality education and lifelong learning, and in its intention for Guernsey to be a Centre of Innovation and Excellence.