

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
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ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

STATES' TRADING SUPERVISORY BOARD and
COMMITTEE *FOR THE* ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOLID WASTE STRATEGY

Letter of Comment from the Policy & Resources Committee on the item lodged by the States' Trading Supervisory Board and the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure entitled "Implementation of the Solid Waste Strategy" (attached)



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Dear Sir

**Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure/States Trading Supervisory Board:
Implementation of the Solid Waste Strategy (P.2017/3)**

The Policy & Resources Committee has considered the joint policy letter from the Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure and the States Trading Supervisory Board (STSB,) concerning the next steps needed to progress the procurement of essential infrastructure to support the implementation of the solid waste strategy.

The Committee recognises the urgency of the propositions in order that new waste management facilities can be put in place before Mont Cuët is, to all intents and purposes, effectively full. Even if contracts are signed imminently, the timetable remains extremely tight, with no room for slippage. Ideally, there would be no such time pressure but it is necessary to be pragmatic and deal with the reality of the situation that the island is in. It is important, however, to bear in mind that approval of the propositions simply enables the STSB to progress the procurement process. It does **not** mean that all the projects outlined in the policy letter are approved, and there will be (and needs to be) further scrutiny from Policy & Resources before any contracts can be signed. Such scrutiny will follow the well-established procedures for preparing, reviewing and assessing business cases.

The Committee is aware that work on the preparation of the business cases has already commenced. However, it is only by proceeding with the procurement process that it will be possible to determine value for money and it is on that basis, primarily, the Committee supports the policy letter. In recommending that the STSB should now seek tenders for the infrastructure, we are not saying that such infrastructure should be procured at any cost; but in all the circumstances, mindful that the considerable risks inherent in any delay outweigh the risks of allowing progress of this critical work, the Committee recommends that the Assembly approve the propositions.

Yours faithfully

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Cc: President, Committee for the Environment & Infrastructure
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