

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

8th March, 2017

Proposition P.2017/11

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy P. J. Roffey
Seconded by: Deputy B. L. Brehaut

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRIGGERING OF ARTICLE 50 OF THE TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION
IN RESPECT OF "PROTOCOL 3"

To amend the Proposition as follows –

- (a) by replacing the full-stop with "; and", and
- (b) immediately thereafter inserting the following additional paragraph –
 - "iv. To fully endorse the view expressed by the Policy & Resources Committee in paragraph 6.9(iii) of the Policy Letter, that guaranteeing the rights of EU nationals resident and economically active in Guernsey should be a priority area in any negotiations with Her Majesty's Government and to direct that committee to impress on all relevant representatives of the Government, the States' wish to see those rights assured as soon as possible and not delayed as part of any extended negotiation process over the terms of the British exit from the EU."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under UK nationality and immigration legislation that extends to the Bailiwick, EU nationals do not need leave to enter and remain in the Bailiwick if they are entitled to reside by virtue of an enforceable European Union right (such as that enshrined in the free movement of people provisions of the relevant EU Treaty). Unless suitable alternative arrangements are reached with the EU authorities, when the UK Government withdraws from the EU, those rights of EU nationals who do not hold British Nationality freely to enter and remain in the Bailiwick will fall away. It is clearly highly desirable in the circumstances that those EU Nationals who do not hold British Nationality and who are economically active in Guernsey have the opportunity to remain following Brexit and that assurances are given to them as soon as possible.