

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

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Proposition No. P.2017/53

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy E A Yerby
Seconded by: Deputy J S Merrett

Policy & Resources Committee

The Policy & Resource Plan – Phase Two

To insert, at the end of Proposition 11, the following wording: “; *having used, as a basis for prioritisation, the eight strategic objectives of the Policy and Resource Plan; and having given no lesser status to policies and initiatives identified by Committees as currently unfunded or underfunded, in terms of evaluating their potential contribution to the strategic objectives, and thus their relative priority and need for resources.*”

Explanatory Note

The States Review Committee envisaged that the Policy and Resource Plan process would enable the States to prioritise all its areas of responsibility against one another. It has been contrasted to earlier States Strategic Plans, for example, which included a process for prioritising new developments against each other, but assumed that each Department’s business-as-usual could continue more or less unchallenged.

In this spirit, it is reasonable and appropriate for the States to ask whether current budgets are allocated to the areas of greatest priority, and/or whether there are other areas of equal or greater priority for which funding must be found. This is all the more important because Committees were directed to prepare their plans within existing budgets wherever possible, and therefore important policy debates about tensions between priorities and funding may have become somewhat suppressed in the process. While it is implied in the original proposition, this amendment makes a more explicit commitment to a rigorous and fair prioritisation process, which is oriented around achieving the States’ strategic objectives.