

STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

27th September, 2017

Proposition No. P2017/70

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy L S Trott

Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture

THE ROLE OF THE GRANT-AIDED COLLEGES AND THEIR FUTURE FUNDING
ARRANGEMENTS

To delete the Propositions and substitute therefor:

1. To note that the current arrangements through which the States provide financial support to the grant-aided colleges (Elizabeth College, The Ladies' College and Blanchelande College) ("the Colleges") shall expire on the 31st of August, 2019; and
 - a) to agree that between the 1st of September, 2019 and the 31st of August, 2025 the States shall pay to the Colleges only the fees charged by each college in respect of special place holders; and
 - b) to agree that with effect from the 1st of September, 2025 the States shall cease to provide financial support to the Colleges; and
 - c) to direct the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture, having reviewed all legislation, resolutions and any other relevant documentation in respect of the current relationship between the States and the Colleges, to submit to the States any proposals necessary to ensure that the Colleges have complete operational independence from the States.

OR, if Proposition 1 shall have been defeated,

2. To note that the current arrangements through which the States provide financial support to the grant-aided colleges (Elizabeth College, The Ladies' College and Blanchelande College) ("the Colleges") shall expire on the 31st of August, 2019; and
 - a) to agree that between the 1st of September, 2019 and the 31st of August, 2025 the States shall pay to the Colleges the fees charged by each college in respect of special place holders; and
 - b) to agree that with effect from the 1st of September, 2019, and in addition to paying the fees in respect of special place holders, the States shall continue to provide financial support to the Colleges on the basis that they have historically been and remain an integral and integrated part of Guernsey's education system; and
 - c) to agree that with effect from the 1st of September, 2019, and in addition to paying the fees in respect of special place holders, the States shall continue to provide financial support to the Colleges on the basis that they educate a substantial number and proportion of the Island's students from years seven to thirteen; and
 - d) to agree that with effect from the 1st of September, 2019, and in addition to paying the fees in respect of special place holders, the States shall continue to provide financial support to the Colleges on the basis that they provide choice of educational environment or ethos; and
 - e) to agree that with effect from the 1st of September, 2019, and in addition to paying the fees in respect of special place holders, the States shall continue to provide financial support to the Colleges on the basis that they provide competition in the education sector; and
 - f) to agree that with effect from the 1st of September, 2019, and in addition to paying the fees in respect of special place holders, the States shall continue to provide financial support to the Colleges on the basis that they help attract employees and entrepreneurs from overseas who may otherwise not move to or invest in the island; and
 - g) to agree that with effect from the 1st of September, 2019, and in addition to paying the fees in respect of special place holders, the States shall continue to provide financial support to the Colleges on the basis that they provide education cost effectively, the diminution or in absence of which would mean that the costs to the states of providing education would inevitably

increase; and

- h) to agree that the financial support to the Colleges provided in this proposition (other than by reason of paragraph a)) must be used exclusively for the establishment of a scheme (to be developed pursuant to Proposition 2 k)) of assisted places ("the Scheme"), whereby the States (having regard to ability to pay) would pay part or all of the fees and costs charged by each college in respect of students holding such places, which shall be awarded in such a way as to ensure that each cohort of assisted place holders is broadly representative of the student body in the States' all-ability secondary schools in relation to socioeconomic and educational background, provided expressly that it shall be an ongoing condition of financial support to the Colleges that there shall be no academic selection of assisted place holders and the Colleges shall not introduce or expand any other schemes which involve academic selection for any other students; and
- i) to agree that the funding paid by the States in respect of the Scheme shall be phased in proportionately for each academic year from 2019/20 as the cost of funding special place holders reduces such that in respect of the academic year 2025/26 the sum paid by the States shall be not less than 55% and not more than 65% of the total sum (in real terms) paid by the States to the Colleges in respect of the academic year 2018/19; and
- j) to agree that the arrangements relating to financial support of the Colleges shall continue for a period of ten years until the 31st of August, 2029, at which point they shall be subject to review; and
- k) to direct the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture and the Policy & Resources Committee jointly to develop and agree by no later than 1st of September, 2018, in consultation with the Colleges and such others as they deem appropriate, the detailed financial and practical operation of the Scheme for phased implementation in accordance with paragraph i) by the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture commencing with effect from the academic year 2019/20.

AND if Proposition 2 shall have been approved,

3. To direct the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture and the Policy & Resources Committee jointly to develop service level agreements with each of the Colleges in order to implement the Scheme which is compliant with the States' Donations, Grants and Loans Directive and which would provide for a closer working relationship between the States and the Colleges and to agree that in the development of such agreements the following shall *inter alia* be considered:

- provision for the use by the States of any spare capacity at the Colleges;
- appropriate key performance indicators, including the means of monitoring the educational value added and outcomes for the holders of assisted places;
- sharing of resources, including teaching resources and courses;
- co-operation on outdoor activities, sport and other extra-curricular pursuits;
- sharing academic enrichment experiences;
- opportunities for teachers to take advantage of continuous professional development;
- access to States' special educational needs services;
- exclusion and expulsion policies;
- roles and responsibilities regarding safeguarding.

Explanatory note

The purpose of this amendment is to give the States greater policy choice than that which is available to it under the propositions proposed in the Policy Letter.

If Proposition 1 is approved, no further States' funding would be made available to the Colleges after 31st August 2019, following which the Colleges would be given complete operational independence from the States.

If Proposition 1 is rejected, Proposition 2 provides the States with the opportunity to approve financial support on the basis of a menu of policy grounds in paragraphs b) to g), any or all of which, if approved, would have the effect of providing additional financial support (over and above that of the fees paid for special place holders admitted under the 11+ before its abolition.) As drafted, it is intended that the States should have the opportunity to vote on each separately. This financial support would have to be provided by means of a non-academically selective 'assisted places scheme' designed to broadly replicate the cohort admitted to the States' schools but having regard to ability to pay. This scheme would be developed jointly by the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture and the Policy & Resources Committee.

If Proposition 2 is approved, then Proposition 3 sets-out a non-exclusive list of those matters which ought to be considered in developing and agreeing service level agreements with the Colleges to implement the assisted places scheme.