

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

5th June, 2018

Proposition No. P.2018/45

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

THE POLICY & RESOURCE PLAN (2017 REVIEW AND 2018 UPDATE)

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy L S Trott

1. To delete Proposition 2(a), and to insert therefor:

"(a) by deleting the words "the States' Accounts which shall begin on a Tuesday before a Meeting in June, and a Policy & Resource Plan which shall begin on a Tuesday" where they appear at the end of paragraph (2) of Rule 1 and substituting them with the words "and the Policy & Resource Plan and States' Accounts which shall be considered at the same dedicated Meeting in June which shall begin on a Tuesday except in general election years when they will be considered at a later date in that year".

2. To insert the following Proposition immediately after Proposition 2 –

"2A To rescind that part of the resolution of the States made on 28th September, 2017 on item X on Billet d'État No XVIII dated 7th September, 2017 insofar as it relates to the dates on which States' Meetings shall be convened in June 2019 and to agree that the dates on which States' Meetings shall be convened during June 2019 shall be as follows –

12th June (Ordinary Meeting)

25th June – Policy & Resource Plan (progress and review) and Accounts."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Policy & Resources Committee has set out in the update to the Plan its wish to enhance the quality, analysis and reporting for the Plan which has been limited in this

first report as priority areas establish themselves. The timeframe to publish a meaningful review given the availability of year-end figures remains challenging and significantly impacts the available time to Committees to complete their annual performance reports.

If the current proposition is successful, Rule 1 (2) will be:

“Ordinarily the first day of a Meeting shall be a Wednesday, except for the Meetings held to consider the annual Budget of the States which shall begin on the first Tuesday in November, the States’ Accounts which shall begin on a Tuesday before a Meeting in June, and a Policy & Resource Plan which shall begin on the Tuesday immediately preceding the Meeting to consider the States’ Accounts.”

On that basis, using this year as an illustration, the P&R Plan would have been debated on Tuesday 19th June and the Accounts would be debated on Tuesday 26th June.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Committee wishes to implement this change with effect from 2019.

The amendments enable the Policy & Resource Plan and the States’ Accounts to be considered at the same States’ Meeting (on the 25th June, 2019) and brings the ordinary meeting of the States forward by two weeks (to 12th June, 2019) to more effectively manage the flow of business.

The Policy & Resources Committee is currently discussing with the States’ Assembly & Constitution Committee arrangements for election years.