

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

**Proposition No. P.2018/108**  
**Policy & Resources Committee**  
**The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2019**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy M M Lowe

Seconded by: Deputy R G Prow

To insert a new Proposition 51 as follows:

- “51. To agree to a review of the governance and operation of the Seized Assets Fund to be carried out jointly by the Policy & Resources Committee and the Committee for Home Affairs, consulting with HM Receiver General and other interested parties as appropriate and direct the Committees to report back to the States no later than December 2019 with recommendations for the future governance and operation of the Fund.”

**Explanatory note**

At the end of 2017, it is understood that there was a balance on the Seized Assets Fund in the region of £15million. The current governance arrangements around use of the Fund were put in place when small sums were being received and to ensure that asset sharing agreements could be put in place with other jurisdictions. With such significant sums now available, and the prospect of further material confiscations of the proceeds of crime in the future, it is felt that a more robust governance structure should be put in place with an appropriate degree of political oversight. Internationally there is the expectation that the primary focus for such funds is to reduce crime, or the impact of crime, however this is not to exclude distributions which might otherwise come from the public purse. The Committees anticipate that, following consultation with HM Receiver General as to the proper use of the funds, a range of applications for use of the money could be considered and appropriate recommendations made for the future use of the Fund. Similar systems work in other jurisdictions.