THE STATES OF DELIBERATION Of the ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

6th November, 2018

Proposition No. P.2018/108

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

THE STATES OF GUERNSEY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2019

AMENDMENT

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

After Proposition 50, to insert the following:

- "51. To agree in principle that, in view of the facts that:
 - Gambling is addictive and can be seriously damaging to individuals who become addicted and their families;
 - Any direct benefits of gambling itself are substantially outweighed by its risks and disadvantages, even though the revenue raised from gambling may be put to good effect; and
 - There is no evidence to suggest that, unlike excise duties on alcohol and tobacco (which are known to reduce harmful consumption), any government levy on gambling creates any direct beneficial effects for the individual,

the States of Guernsey should not draw on scratch cards or other lottery proceeds for any part of its income.

52. To agree that the Policy & Resources Committee shall, no later than the 2020 States of Guernsey Budget, make recommendations to identify other suitable sources of funding to replace the funding within the States' Budget currently drawn from the Channel Islands Lottery, except where such funding is used directly for the support of people with gambling addictions; and, for the avoidance of doubt, that a direct reduction in the budget of Beau Sejour Leisure Centre or an increase in charges to those using its services shall not be considered an acceptable way of discharging this Resolution.

53. To direct the Committee *for* Home Affairs and the States Trading Supervisory Board to revisit the policy governing the Channel Islands Lottery and the sale of scratch cards in Guernsey, to ensure that ongoing growth in sales is not pursued at the expense of vulnerable members of our community, and to make recommendations to the States in time for any change in policy direction to be taken into account in the planning and implementation of the 2020 Christmas Lottery."