

**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 E A Yerby

Seconded by: Deputy D A Tindall

After Proposition 50, to insert the following

"51. In respect of Pooled Budgets:

- (a) To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to provide a sufficiently detailed statement of expenditure and income [i.e. the item headed "Pooled Budget" at page 143 of Appendix II of the Budget] within the Budget and the Accounts of the States of Guernsey, for each Pooled Budget, to achieve the clarity anticipated in paragraph 8.52 of the Budget; including, at a minimum, a clear indication of the type and extent of the resources contributed to the pool by each contributing States Committee and/or external body; and
- (b) To agree, in respect of paragraph 8.58 of the Budget, that Pooled Budgets shall only be formed by a resolution of the States on a proposal included in the annual Budget Report or in a separate policy letter."

**Explanatory Note**

Paragraph 8.52 of the Budget says that "the benefits of pooled budgets include ... greater clarity with regards to the level and type of resources that are committed to a particular service or section of the population." However, the first ever pooled budget, for the Multi-Agency Support Hub created as part of the Children & Young People's

Plan (see Appendix II of the Budget, page 143) contains no detail whatsoever and so can hardly hope to achieve these benefits.

Additionally, the creation of new pooled budgets in-year requires adjusting the cash limits of several Committees away from what was originally agreed by the States. This is not ideal from a governance perspective, as it makes the tracking of States' expenditure more complicated. The amendment proposes that the norm should be for pooled budgets to be created as part of the Budget setting process or, if all the Committees involved believe an in-year decision is necessary, for such decision to be made on the basis of a policy letter. This increases visibility of any changes in the allocation of States' funds.