

STATES OF DELIBERATION

6th November 2018

Proposition No. P2018/108

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy H J R Soulsby

Seconded by: Deputy R H Tooley

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

THE STATES OF GUERNSEY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2019

To insert, immediately after Proposition 50, the following Proposition –

51. To agree in future years to increase the rate of excise duty on alcohol at a minimum of the Retail Price Index(X) plus 2% annually, with a minimum headline figure of at least 5% and to direct the Policy & Resources Committee as part of the Annual Budget for 2020 to include an additional 0.5% on top of the headline increase in the excise duty on alcohol to be allocated for initiatives relating to alcohol misuse by the Health Improvement Commission.

Explanatory Note

The amendment is designed to ensure the continued availability of funding to provide help and support for Islanders who experience problems with alcohol misuse. It builds upon earlier commitments by the Assembly through successive Drug and Alcohol Strategies and provides a mechanism for such support to best be provided in the context of the Partnership of Purpose and the establishment of the Health Improvement Commission.

Acknowledging that alcohol duty is budgeted to raise £14.4m in 2019, an additional 0.5% in future years, notwithstanding the fluctuation in volumes, would be in the region of £70,000.