

STATES OF DELIBERATION

6th November 2018

Proposition No. P2018/108

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy H J R Soulsby

Seconded by: Deputy M M Lowe

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

THE STATES OF GUERNSEY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2019

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

51. To rescind Resolution 8 of Article XIII, Billet d’Etat XX, 2014 (‘Culture and Leisure Department – Channel Islands Lottery- Administration Arrangements, Forfeited Prize Account and 2011-2013 Reports and Accounts’) and Resolution 12 of Article XVII of Billet d’Etat XIV, 2015 (‘Home Department – Review of Gambling Legislation - Supplemental States Report’) and to direct that a grant of 0.5% of the Channel Islands Lottery (Guernsey) Fund’s Total Ticket Sales income (excluding income from the Channel Islands Christmas Lottery) be made to the Health Improvement Commission to be used to fund initiatives designed to help and support individuals experiencing gambling problems locally.

Explanatory Note

The amendment is designed to ensure the continued availability of funding to provide help and support for Islanders who experience problems with gambling. It builds upon earlier commitments by the Assembly to provide financial support for such initiatives locally 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.

For clarity, it rescinds earlier commitments to direct joint working between the then Culture and Leisure and Home Department Departments in respect of such initiatives (Resolution 8 of Article XIII, Billet d’Etat XX, 2014 (‘Culture and Leisure Department – Channel Islands Lottery- Administration Arrangements, Forfeited Prize Account and 2011-2013 Reports and Accounts’)) which included a requirement for such initiatives to be met from operating surpluses and secondly to rescind a requirement for the then Home Department to divert a proportion of gambling fees received by that Department to fund relevant initiatives to support problem gamblers (‘Home Department – Review of Gambling Legislation - Supplemental States Report’).

Through establishing a clear commitment to divert a fixed proportion of the Channel Islands Lottery (Guernsey) Fund's Total Ticket Sales (excluding income from the Channel Islands Christmas Lottery), which will equate to, based on 2017 figures approximately £48,000, to the Health Improvement Commission specifically to fund support for those experiencing gambling addiction, this amendment demonstrates the States' commitment to supporting the health and wellbeing of islanders and will enable greater continuity of service delivery. A key priority for the Health Improvement Commission will be undertaking an assessment of local demand and need so to help identify gaps in preventive services or in treatment and care.

For the avoidance of doubt, the funding transferred by virtue of this amendment would not be subject to match funding.

This amendment supports the realisation of States' resolution 15 of Art XII, Billet d'État No XXIV of 2017

"To affirm that the States, in all its policy decisions, should consider the impact of those decisions on health and wellbeing, and make use of any opportunities to improve health or reduce health inequalities, across all government policies".