

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 H J R Soulsby

To insert, after Proposition 50, the following Propositions:

- "51. To agree in principle that greater transparency and information-sharing within the Budget setting process would be in the interest of good governance and effective coordination.
- 52. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to design a Budget process which ensures that all States Members have visibility of the information critical to the preparation of the Budget, including as a minimum the overall financial position of the Island and of the States, and the Budget submissions made by the Committees and other bodies of the States, in advance of the final publication of the Budget, and to propose arrangements to the States for the implementation of such a process, on a pilot basis, in time for the preparation of the 2020 States of Guernsey Budget.
- 53. Following the debate on the 2020 States of Guernsey Budget, to direct the States Assembly & Constitution Committee to reflect on the effectiveness of this pilot process in delivering greater transparency and better coordination and, if it considers it appropriate, to propose amendments to the Rules of Procedure in order to put these arrangements on a permanent footing, together with any amendments to the process it may consider necessary."

Explanatory Note

The aim of this amendment is to increase the transparency and improve the governance of the States' budget-setting process, initially on a pilot basis. In addition, SACC is asked to reflect on the effectiveness of the process after the first year's pilot and to consider whether it should be formalised within the States' Rules of Procedure for future years.