

STATES OF DELIBERATION

6th November 2018

Proposition No. P2018/108

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy L S Trott

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'État XX 2014 ('Culture and Leisure Department – Channel Islands Lottery – Administration Arrangements, Forfeited Prize Account and 2011-2013 Reports and Accounts) and in Resolution 3 of Article XIII, Billet d'État XX 2014, after the word "identity" to add "or to fund initiatives designed to help and support individuals experiencing gambling problems locally."

Explanatory Note

THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE INTENDS TO SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the amendment numbered 20 submitted by Deputies Soulsby and Lowe and seeks to ensure that funding is made available to the Committee *for* Health & Social Care to support individuals experiencing gambling problems locally.

The States have previously made funding available to support those experiencing gambling addiction through Resolution 8, Billet d'État XX 2014 – *"To direct the Culture and Leisure Department to continue to work closely with the Home Department in respect of initiatives designed to help and support individuals experiencing gambling problems locally and that any required funding for those initiatives may be met from operating surpluses."*

This amendment seeks to rescind this resolution and amend another resolution from the same Billet d'État to allow use of the lottery appropriation account to support those experiencing gambling problems. The amended resolution would read:

"To direct that any Channel Islands Lottery proceeds exceeding the operating deficit of the Beau Sejour Centre, excluding the Christmas Draw, is to be retained within the Appropriation Account to be used either for major projects that will enhance the Department's properties or for the funding of events which have a particularly special significance to the Island's heritage and unique cultural identity or to fund initiatives designed to help and support individuals experiencing gambling problems locally."
(text underlined inserted by amendment)

The Policy & Resources Committee has delegated authority to approve use of the Appropriation Account and would make funding available upon approval of a funding request from the Committee *for* Health & Social Care. The detail required need only be proportionate to the size of the funding requested.

Resolution 12, of Billet d'État XIV 2015 also allows for funding for this purpose at the discretion of the Committee *for* Home Affairs and no changes are proposed to this resolution: *"To agree that the Home Department divert a proportion of gambling fees received by the Home Department to fund relevant initiatives to support problem gamblers as detailed in paragraphs 3.42 to 3.45 inclusive of that Policy Letter."*