

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 L S Trott
Seconded by: Deputy J P Le Tocq

After Proposition 30, to insert the following:

"30A. To direct the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure and the Development & Planning Authority, in consultation with any other interested parties, to investigate methods for incentivising the upkeep of, or clearance of derelict, glasshouses including the possible creation of a new property reference of "derelict glasshouse" for properties subject to property tax, which shall be separate to any other existing Domestic, Horticulture or other "glasshouse" category contained in Schedule 1 to that Ordinance, and to report back to the States by no later than July 2019 with any proposals."

Explanatory Note

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT

This amendment has been lodged in response to amendment numbered 14 lodged by Deputies Yerby and Oliver.

The Policy & Resources Committee does not regard this matter as being primarily fiscal; the policy drivers may be social or environmental. Accordingly, the purpose of this amendment is to direct the *relevant* committees to consider the policy options for incentivising upkeep or clearance of derelict greenhouses. One option

to be considered would be the creation of a separate TRP category of “derelict glasshouse”.

The establishment of a TRP category would be straight forward and could be effected swiftly. However, the policy work would need to include consideration of a definition of “derelict” which can be objectively applied in administration; how such a category would contribute towards the upkeep and/or clearance of such glasshouses; and how high the rate should be set to provide the necessary incentivisation.

The Policy & Resources Committee would recommend, if the States set a policy for social / environmental reasons, tariffs in accordance with that policy (in the same way as it currently does in relation to tobacco) in future Annual Budgets (approval by July 2019 would be required for inclusion in the 2020 Budget Report).