

Future Guernsey – Priority Policy Area update (June 2019):

Future Guernsey Theme:	Our Community Our Economy
Future Guernsey Outcome:	One community: inclusive and committed to social justice Strong, sustainable and growing
Policy Priority Area:	Strategic Population Review
Political Governance:	Policy & Resources Committee Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs Committee <i>for the</i> Environment & Infrastructure Committee <i>for</i> Economic Development

Overview
<p>The Policy & Resources Committee (the Committee) is under resolution to lead a review of the Population Management Law and working with the Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs to report back to the States recommending, if necessary, any amendments to the Law and any associated legislation which may be desirable in order to support the achievement of the States' strategic objectives.</p> <p>It established a Strategic Population Review Panel (the Panel) to undertake this work which has engaged with interested parties and fully considered the wider context in which the Island's population approach must operate.</p> <p>The Committees note that there is much that is now working well with the population management approach, though it is essential to maintain the significant progress and improvement in transparency that have been achieved. There have already been pragmatic policy changes as the Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs has brought several policy letters to the Assembly.</p> <p>The Panel has kept abreast of the developing context in which the new approach is operating. Furthermore in making recommendations to the Committees, the Panel has been cognisant of the need to consider matters such as the implementation of the Island's new Skills Action Plan; the work to extend the UK's membership of the World Trade Organization to Guernsey; the impact that Brexit may have on immigration rights and migration flows in respect of the Common Travel Area, and the role that the population management approach may play in that; and the importance of supporting Guernsey's commitment to maintaining and demonstrating the substance that underlies economic activity in the Island.</p> <p>The Panel has submitted its recommendations which are being considered by the Committees. A policy letter should be submitted in Q3 of 2019.</p>