

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

Proposition No. P.2020/42

**COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

**Modernisation of the Abortion (Guernsey) Law, 1997**

**SURSIS MOTIVÉ**

Proposed by: Deputy T J Stephens

Seconded by: Deputy J P Le Tocq

To sursis the propositions and to direct the Committee *for* Health & Social Care:

1. To form a subcommittee or working party, the membership of which consists of representatives of a cross section of people or bodies with an interest or expertise in the subject of abortion –
  - (a) to conduct a broader and more inclusive public consultation on any revisions deemed necessary to the current law governing abortion and over a time-frame sufficient to ensure engagement with the wider community, and
  - (b) to undertake research into any challenges on the basis of disability and the implications of legal challenges and changes to the law in the British Isles which may effect reform in Guernsey; and
2. To lay before the States of Deliberation, no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, a Policy Letter which includes details of the responses to the consultation and conclusions of the research undertaken by the subcommittee or working party referred to above, together with the propositions, revised as necessary, in light of the consultation responses and conclusions of the research.