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Dear Sir

**LETTER OF COMMENT – COMMITTEE *FOR* EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE – P.2020/123
FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE GUERNSEY LANGUAGE**

The Policy & Resources Committee fully supports the principle of preserving and revitalising Guernésiais.

However, it has to be recognised that funding for expanding or developing services is severely limited and its allocation should not be following approval of a proposal in isolation but considered alongside initiatives proposed by other Committees and the requirements for resourcing the recovery action plans.

It is unsustainable to continue increasing the size of the States' expenditure budget in order to fund new initiatives; instead, there has to be objective consideration of existing services to determine whether they can be deprioritised or operated differently in order to release sufficient funding for the new priority. Should the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture consider that supporting the Guernsey Language is a priority area, it could reallocate part of its existing budget accordingly (£100,000 represents 0.12% of its 2020 Budget of approx. £82m) or it could seek outside funding, including through a request to the Social Investment Fund.

Therefore, the Policy & Resources Committee intends to place an Amendment to direct the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture to reprioritise its existing budget to provide a grant to the Guernsey Language Commission of £100,000 in each of 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Yours faithfully

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Vice-President