

Access to Public Information Request

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Access to Public Information request regarding the Guernsey Investment Fund

Request:

1) Any correspondence involving government staff, advisers, non-political members, or deputies concerning the establishment of The Guernsey Investment Fund (GIF), prior to the announcement of the States of Guernsey committing £25m on 16.2.18.

2) Records of any decisions made by the Policy and Resources and Economic Development committees regarding the GIF prior to 16.2.18, including; a list of those who attended any meetings where the fund was discussed, by name, as well as who they represented, any materials handed out or received including presentation slides, and any minutes or records of such meetings.

3) Has any legal advice been sought by the States of Guernsey concerning the GIF since the publication of <u>an article</u> on 6.1.21 raising transparency concerns? If it has, please also provide a copy of the advice.

Response provided by the Policy & Resources Committee:

1 and 2. The requestor does not include in these requests a question, or an explanation of what information is required, and instead asks only for access to a large number of documents, papers and emails which will by its nature include a significant amount of content that is not appropriate to release because it will contain personal information, relate to individuals not employed by the States of Guernsey, involve private sector organisations, or deal with topics not related to the request. Therefore exemption 2.9

'voluminous or vexatious requests' is applied, because the request is 'formulated in too general a manner' and 'manifestly unreasonable'. The Committee wishes to stress it is not unwilling to provide information on this topic if a request were to be submitted that is both reasonable and clear on what information it seeks.

3. No.