

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

28th June, 2022

Proposition No. P.2022/41

Policy & Resources Committee

Government Work Plan 2022

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy P J Roffey
Seconded by: Deputy H L De Sausmarez

In Proposition 15, to delete the full-stop and substitute therefor:

“with the exception of the ninth Resolution listed, which shall remain extant.”

Rule 4(1) Information

In accordance with Rule 4(1):

- a) the Proposition contributes to several of the Government Work Plan’s outcomes, including:
- Needs are met, and people are safe and secure;
 - A more cohesive and equal society; and
 - Effective community partnerships and increased civic participation.

Additionally, it contributes to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal 1 to “End poverty in all its forms everywhere”, as supported by the Government Work Plan;

- b) the Committee has not consulted in the development of this Proposition as it is simply seeking to retain a Resolution of the States;
- c) the Proposition has been submitted to Her Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications; and

- d) a change to the Government Work Plan's resourcing is not being sought. Only the retention of the ninth Resolution listed in Appendix 9 of the policy letter entitled "Government Work Plan 2022" is being sought.

Explanatory Note

The purpose of this amendment is to retain the States' commitment to addressing in-work poverty as specified in the ninth Resolution listed in Appendix 9 of the policy letter entitled "Government Work Plan 2022", set out below for ease of reference:

"To direct: h) the Policy & Resources Committee, guided by existing States Resolutions on in-work poverty and working with the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security, other States Committees and the third sector, to undertake preparatory investigations of policies successful in breaking poverty, with a specific focus on generational focus."

As a key stakeholder in this work, the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security does not agree with the rationale provided by the Policy & Resources Committee for the proposed rescission of the Resolution, that being that co-ordination of policy reviews and new policy development is now driven through the Government Work Plan. If that were the case, all extant Resolutions should be proposed for rescission.

In-work poverty is an ongoing issue with wide determining factors that require a cross-committee and cross-sector approach. The Resolution reflects this need and it is the unanimous view of the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security that the Resolution remains relevant and important, particularly as in-work poverty is likely to be exacerbated by current economic conditions, including the rising cost of living.