

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

13 July, 2022

Billet d'État No. XII

Statutory Instrument laid before the States

THE WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (CHARGING) REGULATIONS, 2022

MOTION TO ANNUL

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy L S Trott

To resolve that the aforementioned Regulations made by the Waste Disposal Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1 and 3 of the Waste Management Services (Charging) Ordinance 2018, be annulled.

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by acknowledging, as stated in paragraph 3.3 of the Government Work Plan 2022 policy letter, that "the increasing cost of living [is one of the] most pressing and immediate domestic pressures which the States much tackle."
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with the States' Trading Supervisory Board.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) If the Regulations are annulled, it is estimated that Guernsey Waste will receive £184,000 less income in 2022.

Explanatory note

Following the introduction of kerbside recycling in 2018, waste charges were introduced with effect from 1 January 2019, initially at £85 per household and £2.50 per large black bag label. These charges were increased by 5.8% (to £90) and 8% (to £2.70) respectively, with effect from 1st January 2021. The extant Regulations further increased these charges by 8.9% (to £97.97) and 7.5% (to £2.92) with effect from 1st July 2022. If this motion to annul is successful, that most recent increase would be rescinded.

During the debate on a similar motion 19 months ago in December 2020, the Assembly was advised that Guernsey Waste had established an 'Efficiency, Innovation and Pricing Committee' with the intention that a policy letter would be brought to the Assembly to consider the whole pricing model for Guernsey Waste. As at the date this motion was lodged, the policy letter has not yet been lodged.

During 2021, Guernsey Waste's operating deficit (before depreciation) was £606k. This is effectively underwritten by taxpayers by way a loan from States Treasury (amounting to £2.3m at 31st December 2021.) If the Regulations are annulled, it is estimated that Guernsey Waste will receive £184,000 less income in 2022. This is approximately 4% of Guernsey Waste's revenue received by way of these charges, which is not material to Guernsey Waste's financial position.

Until the States have had sight of and debated the anticipated policy letter on reforming waste charges and in the midst of the ongoing spike in cost of living, now is not the time to further increase the burden on Guernsey households which will disproportionately affect those individuals and households least able to bear the increase.