

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

29th June 2022

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948

Proposed by: Deputy N R Inder
Seconded by: Deputy M A J Helyar

To suspend Rule 24(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees, as modified by the Rules of Procedure of Remote Meetings of the States of Deliberation, to the extent necessary to permit the amendment set out below to be debated.

Proposition No. P.2022/41

Policy & Resources Committee

Government Work Plan 2022

AMENDMENT

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Seconded by: Deputy M A J Helyar

At the end of Proposition 1 insert the following:

“and to direct the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security, in consultation with the Committee *for* the Environment & Infrastructure and the Policy & Resources Committee to report back to the States as soon as practical with proposals for a scheme aimed at promoting and facilitating home ownership of a percentage of all homes currently managed or owned by the GHA, any homes managed by the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security under its ‘Housing Department’ function.

- i) relevant properties to be offered for sale to qualifying purchasers at 75% of market value,
- ii) restriction on onward sale at any more than 75% of market value at time of sale,
- iii) GHA to have first option to repurchase.

- iv) The Policy & Resources Committee to make specific recommendations and proposals for the provision of States mortgages, loans and financing options for deposits and purchases to the purchasers of such properties as a “Guernsey Homebuyer Scheme”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans as it is in line with the States strategic objective of providing affordable housing.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has not been undertaken with the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security and the Housing Action Group, the concept has been shared with the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to Her Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

Explanatory note

The Proposer and seconder generally agree with the concept of home ownership and consideration as to how the Housing Department or the GHA could develop the concept. However, they do not agree that any purchase of properties should be limited to “future housing developments”.

Any scheme should consider legacy sites and old stock to extract the best value for government and tenants