

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

17th October, 2023

Proposition No. P.2023/96

Policy & Resources Committee

Government Work Plan 2023-25

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy C Meerveld

Seconded by: Deputy L McKenna

To insert the following proposition immediately after Proposition 9

“9A. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to establish in accordance with Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure a Special Investigation and Advisory Committee of the States to take over developing plans for a commercial-scale wind farm off the coast of Guernsey. This Committee to be constituted until the 2025 General Election.

- i. This to include a requirement for the Policy & Resources Committee adequately to fund and resource the Special Investigation and Advisory Committee with the initial requirements to include a dedicated support person (one FTP), sufficient funds to hire industry experts as recommended by the UK Crown Estates and for legal advice and additional funding for other exploratory work.
- ii. The membership of the Special Investigation and Advisory Committee to be H.M. Receiver General, Deputy Meerveld, Deputy Blin, Deputy De Lisle, Deputy Dyke and a representative from the Committee *for* Environment & Infrastructure.
- iii. The Special Investigation and Advisory Committee will have the authority to co-opt additional Deputies or members of the public for such time and roles they define.

- iv. The Special Investigation and Advisory Committee will make a statement on progress to the Assembly every quarter to make members and the public aware of progress.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans by generating additional revenue and expanding and diversifying the economy.
- b) In preparing the propositions, consultation has been undertaken with the Committee for Policy and Resources or the Committee for Environment and Infrastructure. There has yet to be a consultation with stakeholders regarding this proposition.
- c) The proposition have been submitted to His 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

A utility-scale wind farm off Guernsey’s coast has the potential to be a game changer. It could help:

- 1. Raise significant revenue, reducing the need for higher direct.
- 2. Address climate change and help Guernsey achieve its zero carbon objectives.
- 3. Diversify our economy away from its overdependence on the finance industry.
- 4. Expand and diversify the economy by creating long-term non-finance employment opportunities.
- 5. Establish Guernsey as an exporter of significant clean energy and enhance our political standing and influence with neighbouring countries.

A project of this importance to our community and economy must not be held hostage to any Committee’s political agenda. It should be conducted openly with engagement with all Deputies, relevant Committees, and the public.

The Proposer and Seconder recommend that a Special Investigation and Advisory Committee is formed to pursue this massive potential opportunity and that it should include those members who have been developing and promoting this project for two years.