

STATES REVIEW COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolutions 2-5 on Article 21, Billet d'État V of 2012

2. That the mandate of the States Review Committee shall be:

“To examine the extent to which the structure and functions of the legislature and the government in Guernsey are capable of fulfilling expectations of good governance with reference in particular to the processes of developing, determining, co-ordinating, effecting and monitoring States’ policies, which shall include, but not necessarily be restricted to, consideration of:

- a) the membership, operation and effectiveness of the States of Deliberation;
- b) the membership, operation and effectiveness of States Departments and Committees;
- c) the roles and responsibilities of the States of Deliberation and States Departments and Committees in achieving an efficient and effective corporate policy planning and resource allocation process;
- d) the leadership, accountability, transparency and democratic responsiveness of the States of Deliberation and States Departments and Committees;

but which shall explicitly not include consideration of:

- e) the constitutional relationship between Guernsey and other Channel Islands, the United Kingdom, the European Union and other jurisdictions;

and, if considered necessary, to make recommendations on any reforms of the structure and functions of the legislature and the government in Guernsey which would be likely better to provide for the highest possible standards of good governance with reference in particular to the processes of developing, determining, co-ordinating, effecting and monitoring States’ policies.”

3. To direct that in 2013, and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12 (4) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation, the States Review Committee shall present a States Report setting out its examination of the extent to which the structure and functions of the legislature and the government in Guernsey are capable of fulfilling expectations of good governance and the general principles of any policy reforms of the structure and functions of the legislature and the government in Guernsey which it considers necessary to provide for the highest possible standards of good governance.

4. To direct that in 2014 the States Review Committee shall present a States Report containing in detail any firm recommendations for reform of the structure and functions of the legislature and the government in Guernsey which it considers necessary to provide for the highest possible standards of good governance.

5. To direct that both before and after the States Report referred to in Resolution 3 above the States Review Committee shall consult with, and take evidence from, the widest possible range of persons from among the membership of the States and the general public.