

STATES OF DELIBERATION

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AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Alderney Representative N Harvey
Seconded by: Deputy L S Trott

Policy Council **The Airport and Economic Development in Alderney**

1. To insert at the end of the words in proposition 1 “, but subject to paragraphs b) and e) of Proposition 4”.
2. To replace paragraph b) of Proposition 4 as follows:

“b) To postpone capital works on grass runway 14/32 for a minimum of 12 months, and until a seasonal evaluation can be undertaken on the success of heavy maintenance improvement on this runway which will be completed by the end of Spring 2015.”.
3. To replace paragraph e) of Proposition 4 as follows:

”e) Through the States Capital Investment Portfolio (SCIP), to develop a robust business case identifying the costs and benefits of hard surfacing and extending the short grass runway (03/21) to 600 m and to provide Airport ground lighting to that runway to improve cross wind capability for Dornier 228 aircraft; such business case to be developed in co-operation with the States of Alderney.”.

Explanatory note

The TPS report clearly highlights the operational benefits of lengthening and hard surfacing of runway 03/21 (the prevailing wind runway) to improve operational effectiveness of the airfield, and reduce delays and cancellations arising from cross-winds. With the first rains of autumn both grass strips are again being closed, at least temporarily. Aurigny have made it clear that grass strips in wet conditions are not usable by them, but a lengthened, hard surfaced 03/21 would be. Lack of cross-wind runways last winter caused considerable cancellation/delays in flights and seriously impacts on economic activity.