

## **IN-WORK POVERTY REVIEW**

### **CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

**The deadline for all submissions is by close of business, Friday 28 APRIL 2017.**

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The Scrutiny Management Committee (the Committee) is launching a Call for Evidence for its review of In-Work Poverty<sup>1</sup>. The Review will consider the current policies and strategies of the States of Guernsey related to 'In-Work Poverty' and the effectiveness of their implementation; this will include issues related, but not limited, to the minimum wage, housing, access to healthcare, and supplementary-benefits. The Committee has appointed a Panel to lead this Review which that has extensive experience in this area.

#### **How to respond:**

Any member of the public is welcome to submit evidence to this Review. Evidence may be submitted by letter or e-mail to the contact details provided at the end of this document. Please do not send any original documents.

The Panel is particularly interested in hearing from the public on any, or all, of the following areas:

1. The adequacy of Guernsey's minimum wage;
2. The impact of Guernsey's taxation and Social Security System on low income households;
3. The current and future provision of In-Work benefits;
4. The issues related to access to affordable healthcare provision;
5. The issues related to access to affordable housing; and
6. The impact of other States' charges on low income households.

The Committee will also be writing to government departments, charities, the business community and other agencies to gain their views.

**Please note: Neither the Committee nor its Panel can consider and/ or adjudicate on any individual case.**

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<sup>1</sup> The full / latest Terms of Reference for the Review is available at: [www.gov.gg/scrutiny](http://www.gov.gg/scrutiny)



# Scrutiny Management Committee

## Confidentiality:

The Committee's Panel will seek, as far as is possible, to avoid the possibility that individual members of the public, might be identified from the information contained within its report. However, due to the potential sensitive nature of this review people may request that their evidence remains confidential.

Such evidence should be sent by letter and clearly marked "Private and Confidential" which will remain confidential to the Panel. Confidential submissions will be destroyed at the conclusion of the review.

**Respondents to the Call for Evidence will be responsible for ensuring that no information is submitted to the Review in breach of any legal duties or requirements, for example, in relation to court proceedings. If in any doubt, respondents should seek independent legal advice on this matter.**

## Following the Call for Evidence:

The evidence gathered during this stage of the Review will be used to produce an initial report. The Panel may then consider it necessary to hold public hearing sessions to question relevant Government Committees and representatives from other organisations prior to finalising the report.

The final evidence-based Report will consider the current policies in place, the effectiveness of the implementation of those policies, any gaps in the existing policy framework, and any recommendations on future action.

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