

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

29<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**Proposition P. 2017/18**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy G. A. St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy M. M. Lowe

**THE POPULATION MANAGEMENT (GUERNSEY) LAW, 2016**  
**(COMMENCEMENT) ORDINANCE, 2017**

To amend the Proposition as follows –

(a) By numbering the Proposition as “1.”, and

(b) By inserting the following Propositions immediately thereafter –

“2. To direct the Policy and Resources Committee to lead a review of the Population Management (Guernsey) Law, 2016, and its underpinning policies, to include:

- The various ways of gaining Permanent Resident status for those born in Guernsey or first resident as minors;
- The experience of employers in terms of the operation of those parts of the Law, other associated legislation, and policies relevant to all types of Employment Permits; and
- A review of overarching strategic population policy

and, together with the Committee *for* Home Affairs, to report back to the States during the first quarter of 2019 recommending, if necessary, any amendments to the Law and any associated legislation which may be desirable in order better to support the achievement of the States’ strategic objectives.

3. To rescind Resolution 4 on Billet d’État IV of 2015.”

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In order to ensure good governance, all legislation and policies of the States and their Committees should be subject to regular and ongoing review and the Population Management Regime is no different. However, given the attention that the new Law has

attracted, the Policy & Resources Committee believes it would be helpful to make a formal commitment that such a review will be undertaken within a specific time frame.

Reporting back to the States by Q1 of 2019 will allow a full year's operation of the new regime, plus sufficient time to reflect on that experience and consider what changes, if any, might be needed. This time scale also allows for any changes in strategic population policy to be included in the June 2019 update of the Policy & Resource Plan.

This amendment ensures that the Population Management regime will remain on the States' agenda throughout this political term, and will give States Members the opportunity to evaluate its impact on the Island economy and the fabric of our society at an early stage, and make any further adjustments to the regime which they may consider necessary at that time.

Given its coordinating role as the senior Committee of the States, its oversight of social and economic policy, and its role in leading Guernsey's response to the UK's exit of the European Union, the Policy and Resources Committee is clearly in the optimal position to see the bigger picture in respect of the new Population Management regime, and to bring together all Committees of the States and external interests to consider its impact and explore the potential need for any further changes.

The Committee is also seeking to rescind the 2015 Resolution that requires it to review the impact of population policy on the States' Strategic Plan Statement of Aims, on the basis that it is preferable to focus on one review at any given time and that the single review can encompass all the relevant issues.