

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

6th November, 2018

Proposition No. P.2018/108

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

THE STATES OF GUERNSEY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2019

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy J S Merrett

Seconded by: Deputy V S Oliver

In Proposition 5, to delete "the Policy & Resources Committee" and to substitute therefor: "a committee consisting of two members of the Policy & Resources Committee and the President or a member of the Committees *for* Education, Sport & Culture, Health & Social Care, and Home Affairs, as nominated by each Committee"

Explanatory Note

The proposer and seconder support P&R's initiative to immediately establish a participatory budgeting fund within general reserves with an allocation of £1M but believe that the delegated authority should be shared between P&R and the principal committees whose mandates most closely overlap with the aims of the Participatory Budgeting fund (ESC, HSC and Home Affairs).

It is worth noting that in the text of the budget (page 11 ; 2.21) that P&R considers that the process would work best when it is not directly administered by government and that they will seek to partner with a third sector organisation to undertake the prioritization exercise but that P&R on its own will develop detailed criteria for use of the fund. This is of concern as the detailed criteria should reflect the interest in social policy and community development of the Committees *for* Education, Sport & Culture, Health & Social Care and Home Affairs, and this is best achieved by directly involving them in the process.

The proposer and seconder agree that a third sector organisation may potentially have a more objective view of the applications but it is important there is meaningful political accountability, oversight and engagement in the design of the Fund.