

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

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Proposition No. P.2019/104

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**THE STATES OF GUERNSEY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2020**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy H J R Soulsby  
Seconded by: Deputy E A McSwiggan

To add the following Proposition:

"40. Notwithstanding paragraph 7.43 of the policy letter, to agree that any funding allocated to service developments (as set out in Appendix VI) in this Budget shall be added directly to the cash limit of the relevant Committee for 2020."

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Paragraph 7.43 says: "Individual Committees will be able to choose to allocate their funding to the initiatives which they consider are of the highest priority. The funding will be transferred into Committee budgets and allowance made within recommended 2021 cash limits following the Policy & Resources Committee's approval of a request which clearly demonstrates that the service development can be fully funded within the allocation on an ongoing basis."

The final sentence causes concern because it implies that there will be an additional approval stage by the Policy & Resources Committee, following States' approval of funding. In order for service developments to have made it as far as the Budget, Committees have already been through a rigorous process of assessing need and demonstrating that need to P&R. A further layer of bureaucracy would add cost and delay, without additional benefit.