

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

5th November, 2019

Proposition No. P.2019/104

Policy & Resources Committee

The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2020

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy M Lowe
Seconded by: Deputy M Leadbeater

To add a new proposition:

29A. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to make available a maximum of £909,000 from the 2020 Budget Reserve to provide a grant to the Office of the Data Protection Authority in the event that a funding mechanism which raises sufficient income to cover the costs of operation is not put in place during 2020.

Rule 4(3) Information

There will be no additional financial outlay as a result of this amendment, but it ensures general revenue funds will be allocated to meet the operational costs of the Data Protection Authority pending the introduction of a new funding mechanism.

Explanatory note

The Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2017 requires the States to meet the cost of the Guernsey Data Protection Authority from general revenue, net of any income it has been able to generate from licence fees.

While there is a standard licence fee at present, this is a continuation from the former Data Protection Law and its reach needs to be extended and developed in order for the Authority to move toward becoming self-funded. To achieve this will require legislative changes and Regulations which will be laid before the States of Guernsey.

While there is reference to the funding of the Authority in the body of the Budget Report there is no specific Proposition to confirm the States obligation to meet its operational costs.