

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
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ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

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Proposition No. P.2019/104

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

THE STATES OF GUERNSEY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2020

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy L S Trott

To add a new Proposition 29A:

To note that the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure is seeking to reprioritise existing resources to fund £100,000 of expenditure in 2020 to further develop the Biodiversity Strategy and, if necessary, to direct the Policy & Resources Committee to consider making available a maximum of £100,000 from the budget reserve to further develop the Biodiversity Strategy and define the appropriate model and ongoing funding requirement for its delivery.

Explanatory note

The Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure has advised that additional funding of £100k is required to enable further work to be carried out to protect and enhance Guernsey's biodiversity, including work to determine the appropriate model and ongoing funding requirement for matters relating to the Biodiversity Strategy. There are a number of key areas that require further development, investigation, data and analysis, including bird populations, sour fig, pesticides and the tree & woodland strategy.

£100,000 would be expended in 2020 to undertake valuable work in these areas, primarily through informed data analysis and working in an expanded way with strategic biodiversity partners. It would also be used for strategy development and prioritisation of actions in order for an informed and evidenced proposal to be included as a service development request as part of the Committee's 2021 budget submission, setting out ongoing funding requirements.

The Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure is seeking to fund as much of this work as possible within existing resources by reprioritising use of its budget.

The Policy & Resources Committee is aware of a number of probable and possible calls on the Budget Reserve in 2020 and therefore cannot support pre-allocation to an initiative which was not prioritised for service development funding. However, as this would be a one-off funding request, it would consider making funding available from the Budget Reserve during 2020.