

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

27th November, 2019

Proposition No. P.2019/105

Requête

Development of the business case and cost benefit analysis for the extension of
the runway at Guernsey Airport to create a 1,700 metre runway

SURIS MOTIVÉ

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy L S Trott

To sursis the Propositions until after the States of Deliberation have considered the report prepared by the Policy & Resources Committee, in consultation with the Committee *for* Economic Development and the States' Trading Supervisory Board, on a co-ordinated and coherent government framework on air connectivity. This report will consider all aspects of air route operation and support that is under the control or influence of the States of Guernsey and on which they have already made policy decisions, to include the strategic benefits and dis-benefits of extending the runway, as set out in Resolution 37 of P.2019/104 – The States of Guernsey Annual Budget 2020 and approved on 8th November 2019.

Rule (4) 3

There are no additional costs associated with the Proposition as set out in this Sursis Motivé.

Explanatory note

On 5th November 2019, the States of Deliberation approved Proposition 38 in the States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2020. As a result, the Policy & Resources Committee, in consultation with the Committee *for* Economic Development and the States' Trading Supervisory Board, has commenced work on a co-ordinated and coherent government framework considering all aspects of air route operation and support that is under the control or influence of the States of Guernsey. As part of this work, as set out in its response to the invitation to comment on the Requête,

the Committee *for* Economic Development is preparing an outline business case for the extension of the runway at Guernsey Airport.

This Sursis Motivé seeks to defer consideration of the Requête until after the Policy & Resources Committee has reported back to the States by no later than April 2020. That is, the Sursis Motivé would defer by five to six months the debate on whether the States should support the development of the business case and cost benefit analysis for the extension of the runway at Guernsey Airport to create a 1,700 metre runway.

The question of whether the runway at Guernsey Airport should be extended has been subject of two recent debates in 2018 and 2019.

The Policy & Resources Committee believes that the Propositions within the Requête are in direct conflict with the agreed direction of the States on the matter of air connectivity and government's intention to develop a coordinated and coherent framework for the consideration of all aspects of air route operation and support that is under the control or influence of the States of Guernsey.

Further, it dilutes the resources available to support the Committee *for* Economic Development, requiring it to undertake a separate and additional piece of work outside the States' Resolution to expedite the development of a coordinated and coherent government framework covering all aspects of air route operation.