

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

GENERAL ELECTION 2020 – SECOND POLICY LETTER

The States are asked to decide whether, after consideration of the policy letter entitled “General Election 2020 – Second Policy Letter” dated 11th November, 2019, they are of the opinion:-

1. To agree that a candidate manifesto booklet containing a maximum of two sides of A4 sized paper per candidate will be produced by the States of Guernsey and delivered to all homes on the Electoral Roll.

1A. To agree that there shall be made available by the States of Guernsey a grant of up to £500 which may be claimed by a candidate for the production and distribution of campaign materials and which shall count for the purpose of the candidate's permitted electoral expenditure.

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2A1. "2.To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £2,300 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2A1 shall have fallen,

2A. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £3,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2A shall have fallen,

2B. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £4,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2B shall have fallen,

2C. "2 To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £5,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2C shall have fallen,

2D. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £6,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2D shall have fallen,

2E. "2 To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £7,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2E shall have fallen,

2F. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £8,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

OR, only if 2F shall have fallen,

2G. "2. To agree that the maximum sum a candidate in an election for the office of People's Deputy may expend in respect of such an election (subject to any assignment to a political party made pursuant to Proposition 3) shall be £9,000 (the candidate's "permitted electoral expenditure")."

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3A. "3. To agree that expenditure by a political party on promotion of the party and its policies in an election for the office of People's Deputy is only permissible by virtue of candidates affiliated to that party assigning a maximum of 50% of their permitted electoral expenditure to the party, and that such expenditure by a political party in any election may not exceed the permissible electoral expenditure for an individual candidate."

OR only if 3A shall have fallen,

- 3B. "3. To agree that expenditure by a political party on promotion of the party and its policies in an election for the office of People's Deputy is only permissible by virtue of candidates affiliated to that party assigning a maximum of 50% of their permitted electoral expenditure to the party, and that such expenditure by a political party in any election may not exceed in total twice the permissible electoral expenditure for an individual candidate or £9,000, whichever is the lesser."
4. To agree the following arrangements for polling stations:
- (a) to set the opening hours of all polling stations (including advance polling stations and the super polling stations) in the Island at 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.;
 - (b) to establish an advance polling station at Beau Sejour Leisure Centre on Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June 2020;
 - (c) to establish a super polling station at Beau Sejour Leisure Centre on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th June 2020; and
 - (d) to establish the Parish polling stations on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th June, 2020 as set out in the table at paragraph 5.14.
5. To agree that legislation be prepared to provide that an application for a postal vote should be made not less than five clear days before the date when votes may be cast at a polling station, and that the application period for postal votes is closed on Friday 5th June, 2020 for the 2020 General Election; and to make appropriate provision to give effect to the other administrative changes set out in section 6 of this policy letter.
6. To agree that one or more observers of the 2020 General Election will be appointed.
7. To approve the transfer of £550,000 from the 2020 Budget Reserve to the Royal Court budget (which funds the expenditure of the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee) to fund the costs of managing the 2020 election.
8. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to use its delegated authority to transfer funding of a maximum of £190,000 from the Budget Reserve to the Royal Court budget to fund, if necessary, a manual count (and, if necessary, recount) of the votes cast at the 2020 election.
9. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decisions.
10. To agree that, in his post-implementation review of the 2020 General Election and Island-wide voting, the Registrar-General of Electors shall seek the views of:

- Candidates in the General Election (elected and unelected);
- Members of the General Election programme board;
- Officers, parish representatives, and volunteers involved in the delivery of the General Election;
- Election service providers (e.g. communications, e-count solutions);
- The voting public; and
- Any other consultees which he considers appropriate;

and to direct the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee to submit the Report of the Registrar-General of Electors, together with the Report of the Independent Election Observers, as an appendix to a Billet d'État as soon as possible, and no later than one year after the General Election.

The above Propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.