

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

26th February, 2020

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948

Proposed by: Deputy D de G de Lisle

Seconded by: Deputy P R Le Pelley

To suspend Rule 24(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure to the extent necessary to permit the Amendment set out below to be moved.

Proposition No. P.2020/14

REQUÊTE

Determining the Best Model for Secondary Education

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy D de G de Lisle

Seconded by: Deputy P R Le Pelley

For the Propositions, substitute the following:-

1. To rescind the following Resolutions of the States:-
 - (a) numbers 1 to 6 and 8 to 12 on item III on Billet d'État No. II of 2018, "The Future Structure of Secondary and Post-16 Education in the Bailiwick" – P.2017/110, made on 19th January, 2018, and
 - (b) numbers 1 to 4 on item V on Billet d'État No. XVI of 2019, "Transforming Education Programme & Putting into Effect the Policy Decisions made by the States in 2018" – P.2019/66, made on 6th September, 2019.
2. To agree that from the earliest date practicable, secondary and post-16 education shall be organised as follows:

- (a) a three school model encompassing three 11 to 16 secondary schools at La Mare de Carteret, Les Beaucamps and St Sampson's and a Sixth Form Centre at Les Varendes;
 - (b) the Guernsey Institute incorporating the College of Further Education, the Institute of Health and Social Care Studies and the GTA - operating as one organisation providing vocational, professional and technical education for full-time and part-time students, including apprentices at Les Ozouets and Les Varendes;
 - (c) St. Anne's School in Alderney; and
 - (d) Le Murier School and Les Voies School operating as Special Schools for students with special educational needs.
3. To agree that any legislation replacing the Education (Guernsey) Law, 1970, must provide for genuine devolution of governance and leadership from the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture (and by extension from the 'Education Office') to the 11 to 16 Schools, the Sixth Form Centre and the College of Further Education; and further to agree that it must provide for the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture (supported by the 'Education Office') to focus on 'central government' functions – for example, education law, strategy and substantial policy, curriculum, funding arrangements and the accountability of performance and standards in schools and colleges.
4. To agree that the development of the replacement legislation provides an ideal opportunity to consider the most appropriate long-term relationships and governance arrangements between all providers of secondary and post-16 education, including in relation to provision for students with special educational needs; and further to agree that in any event there must be a firm requirement for the strongest possible collaboration between all providers of secondary and post-16 education, including strengthening collaboration between the 11 to 16 Schools, the Sixth Form Centre and the College of Further Education for the benefit of students of all abilities and interests.
5. To direct the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture to return to the States before the end of 2020 with costings for secondary and post-16 education organised in accordance with Proposition 2 and those extant resolutions of the States that are not rescinded by Proposition 1.

Rule 4(3) Information [If applicable]

The capital cost of the 2 school model approved by the States on 6th September, 2019

amounted approximately to £129 million. The costings for the three-school model set out in Propositions which accompanied the Policy Letter of the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture at item III on Billet d'État No. II of 2018 ("The Future Structure of Secondary and Post-16 Education in the Bailiwick" – P.2017/110) amounted to £114 million. Allowing for a 10 % uplift on the costs set out in those Propositions would suggest an indicative current cost for a three-school model of approximately £125.4 million.

Explanatory note

Deputies de Lisle and Le Pelley have received a number of indications of support for their Amendment No. 6 on P.2020/14, since it was submitted on 19 February 2020. However some individuals have expressed reservations about supporting the Amendment whilst it includes a direction requiring the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture to return to the States, before the end of September 2020, with costings for secondary and post-16 education organised as set out in the Amendment. They believe the time scale is too tight.

In the circumstances this amendment is submitted. It is in exactly the same terms as Amendment 6, other than that Proposition 5 has been amended to include a direction requiring the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture to return to the States before the end of 2020 with costings. This would provide up to 3 months additional time for the Committee to research any costings and report back to the States with its findings.

It is the intention of Deputies de Lisle and Le Pelley to proceed with this amendment at the forthcoming meeting of the States in place of Amendment 6.

Proposition 1 of this amendment asks the States to rescind the following Resolutions of the States: –

- (a) numbers 1 to 6 and 8 to 12 on item III on Billet d'État No. II of 2018 - "The Future Structure of Secondary and Post-16 Education in the Bailiwick" – P.2017/110, made on 19th January, 2018, and
- (b) numbers 1 to 4 on item V on Billet d'État No. XVI of 2019 - "Transforming Education Programme & Putting into Effect the policy Decisions made by the States in 2018" – P.2019/66, made on 6th September, 2019).

Propositions 2, 3 and 4 of the amendment are broadly in the same form as Resolutions 2, 4 and 5 on item III on Billet d'État No. II of 2018 as rescinded by Proposition 1, but with modifications intended to provide for a three-school model which includes the rebuilding of La Mare De Carteret High School alongside moderately enlarged High Schools at Baubigny and Les Beaucamps and with the current Grammar School being retained as a Sixth Form Centre.

The model proposed by Deputies De Lisle and Le Pelley supports many of the work streams already being undertaken to modernise the Guernsey Education Law, to improve the well-being and mental health of students and does not interfere with the excellent work being done at Le Murier and Les Voies Special Needs Schools or the Institute of Higher Education at Les Ozouets.

The proposal will also not affect the education provision in Alderney nor impact upon the desire to transfer responsibility for the good governance of the schools to local boards - Local Management of Schools. Rather the proposals seek to move things forward apace and deliver what the proposer and seconder believe the great majority of stakeholders desire: a three-school model with a separate sixth form centre.

The proposals are for a 3 school model encompassing three 11 to 16 secondary schools at La Mare, Les Beaucamps and St Sampson's and a sixth form centre at Les Varendes (the Grammar school site); the Guernsey Institute --incorporating the College of Further Education, the Institute of Health and Social Care Studies and the GTA-- at Les Ozouets operating as one organisation providing vocational, professional and technical education or full-time and part-time students including apprentices; St Anne's School in Alderney; and Le Murier School and Les Voies School operating as Special Schools for students with special needs.

Finally, Proposition 5 directs the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture to return to the States before the end of 2020 with costings for secondary and post-16 education organised in accordance with the three-school model described above.