

Extant Resolutions Ongoing Principles

As at 3rd March 2020

States of Guernsey: Extant Resolutions - Ongoing Principles

Introduction

The table below captures the extant Resolutions of the States of Guernsey (as at 3rd March 2020) that are Ongoing Principles. These are Resolutions that require action; however, this action has no defined endpoint and is seen as an ongoing consideration. For example: ‘To direct all Committees when formulating policy to take account of long-term impacts on the wellbeing of current and future generations.’

There are currently a total of 31 Ongoing Principles:

Year	Billet d'État	Policy Letter title	Resolution description
2019	IV	Extending the United Kingdom's Membership of the World Trade Organization	2. To agree that the States commit to meet the UK's World Trade Organization obligations, on an ongoing basis, and to resolve any issues or disputes promptly in a manner which is consistent with the States of Guernsey's extant policy with regard to international standards, the 2008 Framework for developing the International Identity of Guernsey agreed with the UK Government and protecting the Bailiwick of Guernsey's international reputation.
2019	IX	Policy & Resource Plan - 2018 Review and 2019 Update	To direct: e) that all Committees of the States of Deliberation ensure that, when delivering or overseeing the delivery of their operational functions, they reasonably assess, and where practicable address, the consequential impact on climate change of their actions
2019	IX	Policy & Resource Plan - 2018 Review and 2019 Update	To direct: f) that all Committees of the States of Deliberation when laying policy letters before the Assembly should assess therein any consequential impact on climate change of their proposals together with, where appropriate, their adaptation and mitigation actions;

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2018	XV	Policy & Resource Plan 2017 Review and 2018 Update	f) The Policy & Resources Committee to publish every December an Annual Monitoring Report addressing the adapted OECD Regional Wellbeing Framework indicators set out in paragraph 4.6 of this policy letter with the aim of contributing to establishing if government policy is influencing key measures as desired. This Report should aim to draw together into a single document pertinent progress data on Guernsey's performance, including how Policy & Resource Plan priorities are performing against milestones, critical success factors and performance indicators as identified by their governing structures (steering groups and working parties),
2017	XII	The Policy & Resource Plan – Phase Two	1B. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee, in developing its proposals for income measures from 2018 onwards, to consider the merits and disadvantages of any new forms of taxation, with the exception of taxes on capital; this recognises that there will be a clear presumption that over this period (in light of the island's changing demographics) the tax base will broaden and diversify consistent with the principles of seeking a greater contribution from those individuals and entities most able to bear the burden.
2017	XII	The Policy & Resource Plan – Phase Two	11A. To direct all Committees when formulating policy to take account of long-term impacts on the wellbeing of current and future generations.
2017	XII	The Policy & Resource Plan – Phase Two	12. To reaffirm that staff resources will be deployed across the organisation as necessary in consultation with the respective Committee or Committees in accordance with the priorities of the States, but respecting the specific requirements of each Committee.
2017	XXIV	A Partnership of Purpose: Transforming Bailiwick Health and Care	XII: After consideration of the Policy Letter entitled "A Partnership of Purpose: Transforming Bailiwick Health and Care", dated 9th November 2017: 1. To reaffirm the States of Guernsey's commitment to a process of transformation of health and care services in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, based on the key aims of: o Prevention: supporting islanders to live healthier lives; o User-centred care: joined-up services, where people are valued, listened to, informed, respected and involved throughout their health and care journey; o Fair access to care: ensuring that low income is not a barrier to health, through proportionate

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			<p>funding processes based on identified needs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Proportionate governance: ensuring clear boundaries exist between commissioning, provision and regulation; o Direct access to services: enabling people to self-refer to services where appropriate; o Effective community care: improving out-of-hospital services through the development of Community Hubs for health and wellbeing, supported by a Health and Care Campus at the PEH site delivering integrated secondary care and a Satellite Campus in Alderney; o Focus on quality: measuring and monitoring the impact of interventions on health outcomes, patient safety and patient experience; o A universal offering: giving islanders clarity about the range of services they can expect to receive, and the criteria for accessing them; o Partnership approach: recognising the value of public, private and third sector organisations, and ensuring people can access the right provider; and o Empowered providers and integrated teams: supporting staff to work collaboratively across organisational boundaries, with a focus on outcomes.
2017	XXIV	A Partnership of Purpose: Transforming Bailiwick Health and Care	15. To affirm that the States, in all its policy decisions, should consider the impact of those decisions on health and wellbeing, and make use of any opportunities to improve health or reduce health inequalities, across all government policies;
2016	III	The Review of the Financial relationship between Guernsey and Alderney	4. To direct the Treasury and Resources Department (and its successors) (in liaison with Departments and Committees) to produce and publish annually best estimate figures for the income derived from sources based in Alderney, and expenditure incurred from the Guernsey Budget on public services provided for Alderney in the same manner as provided in the Taylor Report included as Appendix B to that Policy Letter.
2016	III	The Review of the Financial relationship between Guernsey and Alderney	5. Consequent to Proposition 4 above, to further direct the Treasury and Resources Department (and its successors) to work with the Alderney Policy and Finance Committee to establish a simple formulaic method to estimate annually in arrears with effect from December 2016 the contributions to both islands of the e-Gaming sector in Alderney.

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2015	IV	Planning a Sustainable Future - the Personal Tax, Pensions and Benefits Review	9. To agree that long-term planning for statutory old-age pension provision be designed to maintain a buffer of at least two years of expenditure within the Guernsey Insurance Fund.
2015	IV	Planning a Sustainable Future - the Personal Tax, Pensions and Benefits Review	5. To direct the Treasury and Resources Department and Social Security Department, when making recommendations for changes in tax and benefits during the transitional period as detailed in paragraph 6.1.1 to 6.1.7 of that Report, to have regard to the numbers of people resident in Guernsey and Alderney, their demographic make-up and their level of economic activity and ability to pay.
2015	IV	Planning a Sustainable Future - the Personal Tax, Pensions and Benefits Review	26. To acknowledge that there are risks and challenges associated with the States' considerable reliance – by international standards – on direct personal taxes and social insurance contributions; and to agree in principle that it would be advantageous to diversify sources of States' income in ways which take account of the principle of 'ability to pay'.
2015	VII	Guernsey and Alderney Tobacco Control Strategy 2015-2020	1. To agree to work towards the vision of Guernsey and Alderney becoming jurisdictions where smoke-free lifestyles are the norm (prevalence of adult smoking 5% or less).
2015	XIV	Revision of Criteria for General Practitioners To be given access to Pathology and Radiology Services Provided by HSSD	6. To agree that the Health and Social Services Department reviews the criteria for approval of general practitioners for the access privileges at least every ten years.
2015	XVIII	Benefit and Contribution Rates for 2016	2. That the Social Security Department be directed to take the above guideline in Proposition 1 into account in its recommendations for the annual uprating of statutory old-age pensions, and to provide the States of Deliberation with detailed reasoning for any recommendation to deviate from it in its annual uprating report.

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2015	XX	Biodiversity Strategy	5. To place a policy obligation on all government departments and committees to ensure that they take account of the Biodiversity Strategy and to ensure that departmental operations and outputs are, as far as possible, consistent with the aims of the Strategy and wherever relevant and applicable, to take practical steps to protect and enhance biodiversity.
2015	XXIV	Maintaining Guernsey's Working Population	1. That, instead of absolute population numbers or migration levels, States Policies should be focused on ensuring that the Island's working population is of a size and make-up consistent with achieving the States' strategic economic, social and environmental objectives.
2015	XXIV	Maintaining Guernsey's Working Population	4. To direct all Departments, where appropriate, to take account of Proposition 3, namely the new Population Objective, in developing Departmental Policies and business plans
2015	XXIV	Maintaining Guernsey's Working Population	5. To direct all States Departments to consider how best to support and encourage employees to remain in the work place until retirement age is reached.
2014	I	The Airfield in Alderney	1. To recognise that since 1948 Alderney and Guernsey have been inextricably linked and today there is fiscal union between the islands; to recognise that Alderney is facing significant challenges, especially economic decline and depopulation; and to agree that in such circumstances the States of Guernsey should wherever possible contribute to stimulating Alderney's economy and reversing depopulation.
2014	II	Implementation of the Solid Waste Strategy	18. To direct all States Departments and Committees, and Councils (however named) to implement, as far as practicable, such waste prevention and minimisation initiatives as are needed to contribute to the achievement of the States' approved recycling targets.
2014	II	Implementation of the Solid Waste Strategy	19. To direct all States Departments and Committees and Councils (however named) that own or manage land hired out or otherwise used for public events to include, where practicable, in terms and conditions of such hire or use, a requirement for organisers to provide recycling facilities.

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2014	XXVI	The Airport and Economic Development in Alderney	8. To direct the Commerce and Employment Department to provide assistance, as appropriate and where resources allow, to the States of Alderney Policy and Finance Committee to develop their existing economic strategy to include clear policy actions, timetables for delivery and an approach to evaluating the impact of the actions taken.
2013	I	2020 Vision: Progress Report & Next Steps	1. To agree that, in developing and implementing all strategic proposals, due account is taken of the impact on, and interdependencies with other States Departments and the wider community.
2013	XV	States of Guernsey Policy for Access to Public Information	8. To direct every Department and Committee to publish details (namely the title of the report, who it is commissioned by and from and date of commission) of all reports commissioned by the Department or Committee within six months of that report being commissioned, unless the publication of such detail would fall within one of the exemptions from disclosure set out in the Code of Practice on Access to Public Information set out in Appendix Three of the Report.
2012	V	Resource Accounting & Budgeting	4. To direct the Treasury and Resources Department to take any future revenue requirements into account in recommending budgets for future years.
2012	V	Improving Governance in the States of Guernsey	1ff. The Policy Council should demonstrate that there is adequate capacity and capability in the availability of performance information to support decision making;
2007	III	Fees and Charges	1. To direct all Departments to review all of the fees and charges for which they have administrative responsibility on a regular basis and amend them accordingly.
2005	VI	Legal Aid	3. To require Departments proposing new legislation to indicate any likely impact on the proposed Legal Aid Fund as a direct or indirect result of the proposals.



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