



Presiding Officer  
The Royal Court  
St Peter Port  
Guernsey  
GY1 2PB

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Sir

### **Review of the Future Structure of Secondary & Further Education: Next Steps**

The Policy & Resources Committee has a duty to advise, when necessary, on the policy and financial implications of other committees' proposals, policies and activities.

In the matter of the above Propositions lodged by the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture, these comments will not focus on the merits of each because in the main, extant Resolutions already exist to provide direction; authority for funding of primary and tertiary education transformation programmes; or to address areas of policy on the matters now re-presented to the Assembly.

Separately the matter of the tenure of the currently constituted Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture is for individual Members of the Assembly.

The Policy & Resources Committee is however concerned by Proposition 11:

'To note that the costs of pausing the development of the two 11-18 colleges previously agreed by the States and carrying out a review of other secondary education models against the model of two 11-18 colleges are estimated to be up to £2.5million; and to direct the Policy & Resources Committee to make appropriate budget arrangements to fund these costs.'

It is noted that 'the scope of the review will inevitably affect how much it costs, e.g. the number of models to be reviewed, the level of detail required of each model, the extent of stakeholder consultation and the timeline for the review.'

The Policy & Resources Committee is of the view that the Assembly has directed a comparative review of the secondary education policy that resulted in implementation proposals for two colleges operating as one school, and not the estate to support it, which should limit professional fees for this comparative review. It would expect the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture to compare them to a level of detail which would normally be considered reasonable to allow the States to make a strategic policy decision before requiring further development of the detail and the introduction of the reforms.

Such data should generally be available and the costs in analysing and bringing an options appraisal to the Assembly should not be additional to the budget at the disposal of the Committee which is already very well resourced through its transformation team and could be supported by the States of Guernsey Strategy and Policy, and Finance, teams.

The Policy & Resources Committee therefore does not support this level of additional expenditure.

Yours faithfully



**Deputy L S Trott**

Vice-President

Policy & Resources Committee