



# Scrutiny Management Committee

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC FEEDBACK REQUEST - ECONOMIC SUPPORT MEASURES

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**The deadline for all submissions is by close of business, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

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### **How to respond:**

In April 2020 the Policy & Resources Committee issued an urgent Policy Letter entitled: 'COVID-19 Pandemic – Funding of Financial Response' outlining a number of measures to assist individuals and businesses.

The aim of the business support measures is to enable economic recovery by recognising that “it is important that businesses are well positioned to resume trading as soon as conditions allow and move to the recovery phase as early and efficiently as possible”<sup>1</sup>. The business support measures, which included the Payroll Co-Funding Scheme and grants to small businesses and the self-employed, were designed to facilitate retention of employees and ease cash-flow. Of particular interest is the decision to base a number of the economic support measures at the level of the minimum wage and the resultant impact of that decision.

The Scrutiny Management Committee (the Committee) is calling for feedback from those who have been affected by the financial consequences of the pandemic to come forward and share their experience, good or bad, of accessing the business support measures that have been put in place by the States of Guernsey.

The Committee intends to collate the evidence submitted to formulate an accurate overview relating to specific areas of concern in order to question the Policy & Resources Committee. Ultimately, the Committee believes it is important that lessons learned from managing the current pandemic should be captured and then applied in the future. Any member of the public is invited to submit relevant evidence.

The Committee appreciates that the time allocated for the submission of evidence is restricted but believes that its timely response is imperative. Evidence should, wherever possible, be submitted by e-mail to [scrutiny@gov.gg](mailto:scrutiny@gov.gg) but letters can be sent to the address provided at the end of this document. Please do not send any original documents.

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### **Confidentiality:**

Those submitting comments may request that their submission remains confidential and should be clearly marked “Private and Confidential”. Confidential submissions will be destroyed at the conclusion of the process.

**Please note: The Committee is unable to adjudicate on any individual application.**

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<sup>1</sup> Policy & Resources Committee Policy Letter: COVID-19 Pandemic – Funding of Financial Response



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