

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

14th July 2021

Proposition No. P.2021/69

COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE

SECONDARY AND POST 16 EDUCATION REORGANISATION

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy L S Trott

Seconded by: Deputy C N K Parkinson

In Propositions 1 and 2, to insert the words “in principle” after “To agree”.

To delete Proposition 4 and substitute therefor:

“4.a) To note that the Requête entitled ‘Determining the Best Model for Secondary Education’, which was signed by Deputy A C Dudley-Owen and six other signatories and which was approved by the States on 3rd March 2020, was critical of the States approving a previous model of secondary education (in January 2018) “without being presented with a detailed plan for its implementation” and (in September 2019) “without full details of the planned implementation being presented” and argued that “for the purposes of transparency and accountability it is essential for States Members to be presented with research in totality for them to be able to make an informed decision regarding what will lead to the best outcomes for the Island”.

b) To note that, despite the important premises of the successful Requête led by Deputy A C Dudley-Owen in 2020 and despite requiring substantial capital and revenue expenditure at a time of considerable pressure on public finances, the Committee’s propositions continue to face significant and sustained opposition from key stakeholders and the Committee’s policy letter clearly includes inadequate information to allow the States to provide its final approvals for all aspects of a project of this size;

c) To note that in Section 9 of the Policy & Resources Committee's Government Work Plan 2021-25 ('Investing in Islanders, our Island and our Future') it was set out in paragraph 9.8 of Annex 5: Funding and Investment Plan, that "The Policy & Resources Committee wishes to ensure that the States can consider, at an appropriately early stage, the direction which certain schemes need to take.....Therefore, each scoping document will need to set out any requirement for States' decisions which is likely to be dependent on risk, value, public interest and political judgement."

d) In the interests of good governance, having regard to c) above generally and the risk, value and public interest in this project in particular, to direct the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture and the Policy & Resources Committee to include within the project's scoping document, alongside the scope, goals, objectives and estimated timescale, a requirement for and timing of a States' decision with suitable Propositions to allow the States to be sufficiently informed to provide final approvals to proceed with the project."

Rule 4 Information

- a) This amendment will contribute to the States' objective of concluding the reorganisation of the policy for the structure of secondary education and Post-16 education whilst providing good governance to ensure value for money in delivering the States' objectives.
- b) These propositions ensure joint working between the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture and the Policy & Resources Committee. There has been no consultation with any committees to date.
- c) These propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) It is understood that the direction in 4d), if built into the project *ab initio* by this amendment, will **not** increase expenditure or alter the timing of the works allowing the project to continue to progress in accordance with current schedule.