

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

23rd November, 2022

Proposition No. P.2022/90

Policy & Resource Committee
and
The States' Trading Supervisory Board

Alderney Airport Runway Rehabilitation

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy H J R Soulsby MBE

To insert an additional proposition:

“3. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee on behalf of the States of Guernsey to work collaboratively with the Policy & Finance Committee of the States of Alderney to develop options for strengthening the relationship between Guernsey and Alderney, as identified in Priority 4 of the Government Work Plan, to enhance the resilience of the Bailiwick and ensure that the arrangements to support the relationship are fit for purpose for the 21st century, reflecting current and anticipated operational and funding needs, specifically including consideration of the interaction between the States of Alderney and the States of Deliberation, including representation, and membership on committees and to report back to the States of Deliberation no later than 31st March 2024.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans, in particular Priority 4, Long Term Sustainability: maintain and strengthen Bailiwick relationships, with the priority action being to “Strengthen the relationship between Guernsey and Alderney.”

- b) In preparing the proposition, it was shared in draft with the Policy & Resources Committee and the States' Trading Supervisory Board. The States' Trading Supervisory Board had no comments, as it regarded the amendment as beyond its mandate. The draft amendment was changed to reflect feedback from the Policy & Resources Committee.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There should not be any financial implications to the States of carrying the proposition into effect, as this is within both existing Government Work Plan priorities and planned work for 2023.

Explanatory note

The composition of Alderney's population and economy and public service needs and standards have changed substantially since the 1948 Agreement between Guernsey and Alderney. Further, the composition and size of the States of Deliberation has substantially altered over the same time frame with a reduction from 57 (33 Deputies, 12 Conseillers, 10 Douzaine Representatives and 2 Alderney Representatives) to 40 (38 Deputies and 2 Alderney Representatives). Consideration could be given to how the States of Alderney should be represented in the States of Guernsey and its committees, in particular where relevant under the 1948 Agreement or where policies or services directly impact Alderney residents.

A review of the 1948 Agreement began during the last States' term following the Review of Air Transport Licensing in 2018, with considerable preliminary work and research having been undertaken. The completion of this was deprioritised, not least because of Brexit and Covid. However, this work now falls within the Government Work Plan and is in train with good co-operation and dialogue between the States of Alderney and the Policy & Resources Committee. This amendment will simply insert a milestone in that current plan of work, so that progress can be reported back and considered by the States of Deliberation while any airport rehabilitation project is underway.