

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

23rd November, 2022

Proposition No. P.2022/88

Policy & Resources Committee

Reform To The System For Publication Of Official Notices And Establishment Of The
Guernsey Gazette

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy S J Falla
Seconded by: Deputy N R Inder

To add at the end of proposition 2: “and when considering options for the establishment and operation of such an online Gazette, to direct the Policy & Resources Committee first to invite and consider expressions of interest from third parties who may wish to publish parish and States notices and provide such an online Gazette free of charge on behalf of the States, which may include a web version of the Gazette and/or a URL forwarding service.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States objective in the Government Work Plan 2021-2025, namely “The States need to support Guernsey businesses in competitive markets and address the factors responsible for limiting growth and productivity” and the sentiment in the 2022 GWP workplan policy letter “the Policy & Resources Committee intends to take a pragmatic but robust approach to ensure that it is properly discharging its responsibility for the approval and control of public expenditure.”
- b) Consultation has been undertaken with the Policy & Resources Committee
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Comptroller for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) It is not considered that there will be any negative financial implications of carrying this proposal into effect.

Explanatory note

An option that has not been presented in the Policy & Resources Committee policy letter is for an organisation to offer to publish notices from the parishes and the States free of charge in La Gazette Officielle as well as redevelop the digital Gazette, with new, innovative functionality free of charge, which would save the cost and officer time required to establish and maintain an online Gazette. The Policy & Resources Committee has been made aware of such an offer and it would not be a robust approach nor properly discharging responsibility for the approval and control of public expenditure to ignore it in favour of paying for a digital offering to be developed and maintained.