

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

24th May 2023

Proposition No. 2023/20

Policy & Resources Committee

The Royal Assent to Projets de Loi, Counsellors of States and other Constitutional Matters

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy J P Le Tocq

To add a proposition:

8. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to liaise with relevant parties, including the Lieutenant-Governor, the Ministry of Justice and the Government of Jersey in order to explore the viability of the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey having membership of the Privy Council and in due course representation on its Committee for the Affairs of Jersey and Guernsey.

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by delivering on the area of focus in the Government Work Plan to "seek to further develop Guernsey's international identity and enhance the constitutional resilience of the Bailiwick, in order to take advantage of opportunities and provide some protection in an ever-changing world with complex relationships."
- b) In preparing the propositions, consultation has been undertaken with 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 are no funding implications arising from this proposition. The work will be undertaken using existing resources as part of the regular business as usual dialogue with the parties set out in the proposition.

Explanatory Note

This additional proposition is exploratory in nature as to the options and benefits of seeking representation of the Bailiwick in the Privy Council.

This proposition is consistent with the spirit and terms of the 2014-16 Constitutional Investigation Committee formed to investigate whether or not greater autonomy should be sought. That committee concluded that it “saw no merit in changing the relationship with the Crown, in changing the rôle of the Lieutenant Governor, or in seeking a constitutional relationship which differs fundamentally from that of the other Channel Islands, although it has no objection to there being different processes developed in how the constitutional relationship is delivered.” The areas of responsibility given to this Committee now falls under the mandate of the Policy & Resources Committee.

Having regard to resources and priorities, no timeline is attached in order to allow the Policy & Resources Committee to progress the work directed at the most propitious time.