

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

**7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

**Proposition No. 2023/114**

**Policy & Resources Committee**

**The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2024**

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948**

Proposed by: Deputy C N K Parkinson

Seconded by: Deputy G A St Pier

To suspend Rule 24(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees to the extent necessary to permit the amendment below to be debated.

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy C N K Parkinson

Seconded by: Deputy G A St Pier

To insert a new proposition as follows:

“To direct the Policy & Resources Committee (having consulted with the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture and such other stakeholders as the Policy & Resources Committee shall see fit) to submit to the States at the earliest opportunity but no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, a report on the funding options for the Transforming Education Programme (including indicative timelines, cashflows, financing and issuance costs, any identified opportunities for value engineering, and capital or recurring revenue cost savings.)”

**Rule 4(1) Information**

- a. The proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans by enabling the progress of Government Work Plan priorities having regard to the States’ financial position.
- b. There has been consultation 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 additional funding costs associated with the amendment.

### **Explanatory notes**

1. The proposer and seconder consider that the funding of the Transforming Education Programme is too important, as an issue, to be dealt with by amendments to the Annual Budget. The decision of the States needs to be based on a thorough appraisal of the funding options, which will provide the Members of the Assembly with the evidence on which to base their decision(s).
2. However, the purpose of the amendment is not to revisit the decisions of the States to adopt a model of comprehensive secondary education comprising three 11-16 schools and a Sixth Form Centre.
3. A short delay in the making of the funding decision(s) would allow the Policy & Resources Committee to gather further information on the anticipated revenues of the States from 2025 onwards, and to develop funding proposals which would avoid the damage to Guernsey's credit rating that could result from a chaotic approach to debt funding.