# IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2009

## The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XVIII dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009

# **POLICY COUNCIL**

### STRATEGIC PLANS FOR FISCAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY, SOCIAL POLICY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

After consideration of the Report dated 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2009, of the Policy Council:-

#### Fiscal and Economic Policy Plan:

- 1. To approve the States Fiscal and Economic Plan and the economic principles and strategies on which it is based.
- 2. To endorse the prioritisation of policy initiatives requiring new resources as set out in States Fiscal and Economic Plan covering the period 2009-2013 and affirm support for the continuing initiatives as also set out, but also noting that these priorities will need to be considered and prioritised alongside the other service developments to be detailed in the States Strategic Plan to be debated by the States in September 2009.
- 2.A To require that the forecasting and modelling identified as a key initiative in Table 1 on page 1137 shall embrace all potential revenue raising measures, including taxes on income and profit, taxes on property, fees, duties, charges and social security contributions, and shall identify the effects of such measures, together with related allowances and rebates, on individuals and companies.
- 3. To note the implications of the States Fiscal and Economic Plan for the other strategic policy plans and resource strategies forming part of the overall States Strategic Plan.

#### Social Policy Plan:

- 4. To approve the States Social Policy Plan, including the core values/strategic objectives for social policy as set out in the Plan, save that the overarching core values as listed at paragraph 5.1 of the Plan [p. 1158 of the Billet] shall include the duty of individuals to take personal responsibility to the fullest extent possible for the welfare and actions of themselves and their children.
- 5. To endorse the prioritisation for social policy initiatives requiring new resources as set out in the Social Policy Plan covering the period 2009-2013, but noting

that these priorities will need to be considered and prioritised alongside the other service developments detailed in the States Strategic Plan to be debated by the States in September 2009.

- 6. To approve that research into Disability Discrimination legislation and a Disability Strategy should be progressed ahead of research into Civil Partnerships, but behind the research on the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).
- 7. To note the implications of the States Social Policy Plan for the other strategic policy plans and resource strategies forming part of the overall States Strategic Plan.

#### Environmental Policy Plan:

8. To approve the States Environmental Policy Plan, including the core values/strategic objectives for environmental policy as set out in the Plan, except that the "vision" set out in the boxes on page 1216 and at the top of page 1232 shall be changed to read:

"Consideration of our environment will be core to all policy decisions and actions. Environmental policy will be equal, not subservient, to economic and social policy. The quality of our environment will be protected and enhanced. The Island will respond in an environmentally sustainable and sensitive way to local issues and existing and emerging global challenges".

- 9. To endorse the prioritisation for environmental policy initiatives requiring new resources as set out in the Environmental Policy Plan covering the period 2009-2013, but noting that these priorities will need to be considered and prioritised alongside the other service developments detailed in the States Strategic Plan to be debated by the States in September 2009.
- 10. To note the implications of the Environmental Policy Plan for the other strategic plans and resource strategies forming part of the overall States Strategic Plan.

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