IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 25th JULY, 2007

The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XVIII dated 22nd June 2007

POLICY COUNCIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PLAN 2007 (POLICY & RESOURCE PLAN)

After consideration of the Report dated 11th June, 2007, of the Policy Council:-

1. (1) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 1 'Assert Guernsey's Independent Identity' as set out on pages 1349 to 1358 of that Report.

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 26th JULY, 2007

(Meeting adjourned from 25th July, 2007)

The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XVIII dated 22nd June 2007

POLICY COUNCIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PLAN 2007 (POLICY & RESOURCE PLAN)

After further consideration of the Report dated 11th June, 2007, of the Policy Council:-

- 1. (2) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 2 'Plan for Sustainable Economic Growth' as set out on pages 1358 to 1363 of that Report.
 - (3) To approve Level 1 of States Priority 3 'Contain public finances and maintain economic growth' as set out on pages 1363 to 1364 of that Report.
 - (4) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 4 'Redistribute wealth wisely in the community' as set out on pages 1364 to 1376 of that Report, but with the addition of the words "as a pilot for considering the introduction of a tax credit system to provide additional assistance to families and other people on low incomes" at the end of Level 3 Point A.
 - (5) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 5 'Control and monitor population growth' as set out on pages 1376 to 1386 of that Report.
- 2. (1) To adopt the following Strategic Economic Objectives:
 - Creating and maintaining conditions conducive to achieving the annual levels of economic growth for the next 5 years as has been experienced on average over the last decade;
 - Increasing the primary and secondary benefits to the community
 of business activity whilst at the same time increasing the
 opportunity for the working population to migrate into higher
 paid jobs;
 - Achieving an expansion and diversification of high value exporting activities within both the finance and non-finance sectors where possible through the substitution of low value activities;

- Using the total value of income to individuals from remuneration and other sources as the prime reflection of economic performance;
- Pursuing policies to achieve a real 3% growth pa in the total value of income to individuals from remuneration and other sources.
- (2) To adopt the following Policy Statement on the corporate commitment needed to achieve the Strategic Economic Objectives:
 - To create and maintain conditions conducive to maintaining the annual levels of economic growth for the next 5 years as has been experienced on average over the last decade, the States and the community as a whole will commit to:
 - Promoting internally and externally the attractions of Guernsey as a place to do business, particularly export business;
 - Identifying and assessing opportunities for developing such business and delivering Primary and Secondary benefits as and when they arise;
 - A joined up approach to facilitating such business development particularly in terms of: the legislative, regulatory and fiscal environment; training and development of the workforce; access to imported labour where necessary; and the availability of land within flexible, quick reacting land use planning policies.
 - That the States has confidence in, and will seek to instill the confidence of others in Guernsey's economic future.
- (3) That the Policy Council's Fiscal and Economic Policy Steering Group will oversee a major review of the economic data currently available with the aim of introducing systems to provide revised or additional data which enables more meaningful analysis of the performance of, and trends in, the Guernsey economy.
- (4) To endorse the remaining Action Points contained in the Strategic Economic Plan.

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 27th JULY, 2007

(Meeting adjourned from 26th July, 2007)

The States resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XVIII dated 22nd June 2007

POLICY COUNCIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PLAN 2007 (POLICY & RESOURCE PLAN)

After further consideration of the Report dated 11th June, 2007, of the Policy Council:-

- 1. (6) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 6 'Determine waste management strategies' as set out on pages 1387 to 1390 of that Report
 - (7) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 7 'Take firm action against crime and the causes and effects of crime' as set out on pages 1390 to 1400 of that Report.
 - (8) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 8 'Provide best value healthcare for the community' as set out on pages 1400 to 1411 of that Report.
 - (9) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 9 'Maximise the return on investment in education provision' as set out on pages 1411 to 1421 of that Report.
 - (10) To approve Levels 1 and 2 of States Priority 10 'Meet energy needs more efficiently and sustainably' as set out on pages 1421 to 1422 of that Report.
 - (11) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 of States Priority 11 'Investigate the impact of climate change' as set out on pages 1422 to 1425 of that Report.
 - (12) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 of States Priority 12 'Meet the needs of Guernsey citizens as public service clients more effectively through corporate working and streamlined delivery' as set out on pages 1425 to 1428 of that Report, but with the addition of "and Public Accounts Committee" at the end of the "Strengthening Accountability" workstream in Level 2.

- (13) To approve Levels 1, 2 and 3 and note the intended actions at Level 4 of States Priority 13 'Create a forward-looking culture amongst all public sector staff' as set out on pages 1428 to 1435 of that Report.
- (14) TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION of this paragraph until the September meeting of the States.
- (15) To direct the States Environment Department to investigate the merits and implications of adopting an additional States Priority to protect and enhance the environment, biodiversity and the countryside, along the lines set out at Level 1 in the Appendix to this Proposition; and, if considered appropriate following such investigation, to liaise with the Policy Council with a view to adding such a Priority, expanded into Levels 2 and 3 (and possibly 4), to the Government Business Plan.

Appendix to Proposition 1 (15)

Priority 15 – Protect and Enhance the Environment, Biodiversity and the Countryside

Level 1

To ensure the protection and enhancement of the environment and the richness and variety of wildlife and habitat that comprise the island's biodiversity including the wider countryside, natural landscapes and the coastal and marine environment.

- 3. To approve the updated sections within the Strategic Land Use Plan as highlighted in Appendix II to that Report.
- 4. TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION of this Proposition until the September meeting of the States.

IN THE STATES OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY ON THE 26th SEPTEMBER, 2007

(Meeting adjourned from 27th July, 2007)

The States further resolved as follows concerning Billet d'État No XVIII dated 22nd June 2007

POLICY COUNCIL

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PLAN 2007 (POLICY & RESOURCE PLAN)

After further consideration of the Report dated 11th June, 2007, of the Policy Council:-

- 1.(14) (a) To approve the prioritised schedule of legislation included in section (1) of Level 1 of States Priority 14 'Actively Prioritise Legislation' as set out on pages 1436 to 1439 of that Report.
 - (b) To note that the Policy Council does not recommend that a specific project be undertaken as part of this Government Business Plan under the terms of section (2) of Level 1 of States Priority 14 'Actively Prioritise Legislation' using up to £50k of unspent funding within the Policy Council's Strategic & Corporate Initiatives budget for 2007, as set out on page 1440 of that Report.
 - (c) To revise the wording of section (2) of Level 1 of States Priority 14 'Actively Prioritise Legislation' so as to insert immediately after "reports", the words "and in particular a report on the enactment of legislation needed to allow the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women to be extended to Guernsey in line with the States Resolution of 25th September 2003,".
 - (d) To instruct the Policy Council to discuss, investigate and report back to the States on ways in which the development of legislation can be improved, controlled and monitored, so that it shall be produced on a timely basis.
- 4. (1) To approve the statement of Human Resource Policies as set out in the section on Corporate Practices on page 1346 of that Report.
 - (2) To approve the statement of Information & Communications Technology Policies as set out in the section on Corporate Practices on page 1346 of that Report.

- (3) To note the Operational Plan Summaries as set out in Appendix III to that Report.
- (4) To note all other sections of the Government Business Plan not specifically referred to above.