

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

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025

**Proposition No. P.2024/112**

**The Committee for Education, Sport & Culture**

**Education Governance**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy P J Roffey

Seconded by: Deputy Y Burford

To delete the original propositions and substitute therefor:

- “1. To direct the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture to return to the States as soon as practicable with proposals for far greater devolution of powers to governing bodies in respect of each fully States-funded education setting in Guernsey and Alderney and The Guernsey Institute, to allow them to genuinely govern, including the autonomy to decide the degree to which they choose to use centralised States’ services and resources, such as the finance and HR functions.”

**Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans in the same way as the original propositions.
- b) In preparing this proposition, no additional consultation has been undertaken with the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture as it has been debated and carried previously.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

### Explanatory note

This amendment essentially re-presents the successful Amendment 12, supported by the Assembly during the debate of the Education Law Review policy letter in the States meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2023.

The original propositions of the current policy letter on Education Governance ask the States to agree to establish a new education governance system before deciding what kind of governance that system should deliver. Rather than change the legislation now and hope that it matches the eventual outcome of future work to decide the role that the governing bodies will perform, the more logical approach would be – as proposed in this amendment – to direct the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture to return to the States with proposals for the kind of governance that the States may want to support, and then design the governance system that will best deliver it.

There is nothing to prevent the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture from continuing to delegate their governance responsibility to the interim governance boards as currently established. There is also nothing to prevent the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture from establishing a sub-committee to inform its recommendations. However, the Education Devolution & Delegation Investigation & Advisory Committee proposed in the original propositions is, in the view of the proposer and seconder, unnecessarily costly and time consuming. It is reasonable to assume that if work commences straight away, proposals can be brought before the States far sooner than September 2026, without incurring costs of up to £100,000.