

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

11th December, 2024

Proposition No. P.2024/63

REQUÊTE

Establishment of the Committee *for* Housing

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy G St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy P Roffey

To insert the following proposition immediately after Proposition 1 and to renumber other propositions accordingly:

- “2. To direct the Policy & Resources Committee to report annually in an appendix to the States of Guernsey Accounts, the consolidated income and expenditure (including capital expenditure) related to the provision by the States of social housing prepared pro forma as if that provision was being made through a publicly owned housing association.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States’ objectives by ensuring that there is greater transparency over the income and costs relating to the provision of social housing by the States.
- b) In preparing the proposition the Committee *for* Employment & Social Security and the Policy & Resources Committee have been consulted.
- 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 Guernsey in carrying the proposal into effect.

Explanatory Note

The provision of social housing directly by the States is akin to a trading business (such as States Works) or a housing association. However, it is not accounted for in the States accounts in that way. Rents are treated as General Revenue, like income tax or excise duties, whilst the expenditure of providing and maintaining the housing stock is accounted for separately as an expense of ESS.

This amendment will provide for greater transparency by consolidating all the related income and expenditure related to the provision of social housing and disclosing this in an Appendix to the States accounts.