THE STATES OF DELIBERATION

of the

ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

20th November, 2024

Proposition No. P.2024/93

STATES' ASSEMBLY & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Polling Stations and Postal voting

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy C Le Tissier Seconded by: Deputy P Ferbrache

To delete Proposition 1 and replace with the following proposition:

- "1. To agree that for the 2025 General Election:
 - i. There will be two "super-polling stations" at Beau Sejour (Dave Ferguson Hall) and Styx Community centre open to any eligible voter;
 - There shall be two days of advance polling at the two "super-polling stations" referred to in Proposition 1. i., one weekend polling day on Sunday 15th June and one weekday polling day on Tuesday 17th June;
 - iii. The following polling stations shall also be "super-polling stations" but open on Wednesday 18th June:
 - Beau Sejour (Dave Ferguson Hall) Styx Community Centre Castel Douzaine Room St Martin's Parish Hall St Sampsons Community Hall St Peter Port Constables Office St Andrew's Douzaine Room;
 - iv The following polling stations shall be open on Wednesday 18th June only for parishioners of the Vale:

Vale Douzaine Room; and Les Maingys"

Rule 4(1) Information

a) The proposition does contribute to the States' objectives and policy plans by ensuring that the voting arrangements are transparent and in line with the wishes of each Parish

b) In preparing the proposition, the President of the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee has 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 purpose of the amendment is to put into effect the expressed wishes of the Constable and Parishioners of the Vale. This proposal returns the Vale Parish to the same position seen in the 2020 General Election. A tried and tested solution.

Les Maingys is not centrally located in the Vale and there were concerns that the elderly and infirm might not be able to get to Les Maingys.

Each Parish has been advised of this amendment and have either expressed the wish to remain as indicated in the SACC Policy Letter or failed to respond in time.