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The States are asked to decide:

Whether, after consideration of the policy letter entitled 'Policy & Resources Committee Representation on the Education Devolution & Delegation Investigation & Advisory Committee', dated 14th October 2025, they are of the opinion:

1. To amend the membership of the Education Devolution & Delegation Investigation & Advisory Committee such that the Policy & Resources Committee can nominate its own representative, as follows:

"One Member appointed by the Policy & Resources Committee who is a member of the Policy & Resources Committee but not its President."

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The Presiding Officer
States of Guernsey
Royal Court House
St Peter Port

15th October 2025

Dear Sir

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 After consideration of the policy letter entitled 'Education Governance' dated 25th November 2024, the States of Guernsey determined that a new education governance system to facilitate devolved and delegated governance would be established in respect of each fully States-funded education setting in Guernsey and Alderney, and The Guernsey Institute.
- 1.2 To facilitate the development of this new system, it was agreed to establish a States' Investigation & Advisory Committee in accordance with Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees. It would be known as the Education Devolution & Delegation Investigation & Advisory Committee (EDDIAC).
- 1.3 The membership of this committee was set out in the policy letter to include one member who is the Policy & Resources Committee's lead officer [*sic*] for Corporate Services.
- 1.4 The Policy & Resources Committee endorses that a member of the Committee should sit on the EDDIAC. However, it wishes to vary from the current constitution such that it is empowered to appoint its representative from within its membership.

2. Rationale for change

- 2.1 The 2025 General Election was a little over six months away when the former States' Assembly agreed the constitution for the EDDIAC, which was not due to commence its work until the start of this term.
- 2.2 The policy letter had suggested that 'the extent of membership turnover at the 2025 General Election might limit the knowledge of the history of discourse on the subject of education governance and it will be important that the membership of the EDDIAC is able to work knowledgably and at pace to complete its work'. Consequently, the Assembly was prescriptive in designing the membership of the EDDIAC with the objective to bring forward the greatest political experience and knowledge possible to determine this important matter.
- 2.3 The new States of Deliberation carefully considered the membership of the successor Policy & Resources Committee; no first term States' Members were elected. The Committee now has over 50 years of diverse political experience on which to draw.
- 2.4 The Policy & Resources Committee set out early in its tenure that it intended to work differently at what is a truly critical time for Guernsey. It has an objective to facilitate greater transparency and engagement with Principal Committees, Boards and Authorities of the States, which it hopes will enable more informed and efficient decision-making in discharging its own responsibilities. This includes a fresh approach to the appointment of a 'Lead for Resources' as well as Members dedicated to liaison with other Principal Committees.
- 2.5 Any Member could act for the Committee as the conduit to bring the full benefit of its experience to advise on this area of its mandate as the EDDIAC undertakes its investigations and develops recommendations for the States.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The States of Deliberation are asked to agree that the Policy & Resources Committee is able to appoint a member of the Policy & Resources Committee but not its President as its representative on the EDDIAC.

4. Compliance with Rule 4

- 4.1 Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees sets out the information which must be included in, or appended to, motions laid before the States.
- 4.2 In accordance with Rule 4(1):

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by ensuring the Policy & Resources Committee can best meet the needs of the work if the EDDIAC to explore devolution to school governance systems.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture which supports the proposition.
- 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.

4.3 In accordance with Rule 4(2):

- a) The proposition relates to the Committee's purpose and policy responsibilities with regards the role of the States as an employer, and policies on financial management, assets and corporate services together with its operational accountability for corporate services as set out under (a)7 of Annex Two to its mandate.
- b) The proposition has the unanimous support of the Committee.

Yours faithfully

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