

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

28th January, 2026

Proposition No. P.2025/143

Policy & Resources Committee

Government Work Plan 2026-2029

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy H Camp
Seconded by: Deputy H L de Sausmarez

To insert two additional propositions as follows:

- “6. To agree that maintaining and strengthening the Island’s economic capacity is fundamental to the successful delivery of the Government Work Plan and to note the following, which should be included in the consolidated version of the Government Work Plan to be published on gov.gg:

“Economic development, competitiveness and productivity are enabling conditions which underpin the delivery of all super priorities set out in this Plan, rather than representing a discrete policy area or a competing objective.

Economic growth, resilience or recovery (termed depending on prevailing financial conditions) materially strengthens the Island’s ability to fund public services, invest in infrastructure and meet community needs over time whilst actively promoting innovation. Economic development should therefore be regarded as a cross-cutting consideration informing prioritisation, sequencing and delivery decisions across the Government Work Plan.

Responsibility for supporting economic development and long-term economic capacity is a whole-of-government responsibility. While specific policy levers may sit with individual committees, the economic consequences of decisions are shared across government and should be considered accordingly in the delivery of all super priorities.”.

7. To agree that in setting priorities, sequencing work and allocating resources under this Plan, committees should have regard not only to policy objectives and fiscal constraints, but also to the impact of proposed actions on economic activity, productivity, labour participation and the Island's longer-term economic capacity, and where delivery of super priorities involves trade-offs with economic competitiveness or growth, those trade-offs should be explicitly identified and considered; and for this to be included in the consolidated version of the Government Work Plan to be published on gov.gg."

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by making adding additional clarity, emphasis and direction on economic growth within the Government Work Plan.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with the Policy & Resources Committee.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no direct financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.
- e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier and advice has been sought from Officers of the Policy & Resources Committee.

Explanatory note

This amendment reframes economic development within the Government Work Plan as an enabling super-priority rather than a discrete policy area. It recognises that the Island's ability to deliver public services, infrastructure investment and social outcomes depends fundamentally on maintaining and strengthening economic capacity.

Elevating economic development to the super priority of all super priorities in this way is a powerful signal that the island is serious about building a resilient, future-focused economy for the good of all residents and about changing how government works to make that possible.

Economic development does not sit neatly within any one committee or policy area, but depends upon coordination across all areas of government: planning, skills, housing,

health, digital, regulation, procurement and investment. Through making economic development a cohesive factor across the Government Work Plan, government can move beyond isolated initiatives toward joined-up action.

While the Government Work Plan identifies specific super priorities, it does not currently make explicit that economic development, competitiveness and productivity underpin the delivery of all of them. This amendment addresses that gap by embedding economic development (whether terms as growth, resilience or recovery, based upon conditions) as a cross-cutting consideration across government decision-making and by clarifying that responsibility for economic outcomes is shared across all committees and not confined to any single committee or policy.

The amendment does not mandate growth targets, sector strategies or delivery methods. Instead, it strengthens strategic coherence, transparency and accountability by ensuring that economic consequences and trade-offs are visible when priorities are set, sequenced and delivered.