

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

19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Proposition No. P.2025/26

**Committee for Education, Sport & Culture**

**BLANCHELANDE COLLEGE, ELIZABETH COLLEGE & THE LADIES' COLLEGE:**  
**FUTURE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy G A St Pier

Seconded by: Deputy P T R Ferbrache

To delete propositions 1 and 2 and substitute therefor:

“1. To agree the following in its entirety:

- that Blanchelande College, Elizabeth College and The Ladies' College (“the Colleges”) are an integral, valued and valuable part of the educational ecosystem; and accordingly;
- that the Colleges' stability is in the interests of the island, students and their families; and accordingly;
- to enable the Colleges to effectively forward plan, any financial support by the States of Guernsey to the Colleges should be on a rolling basis until such time as reasonable notice is given to terminate such financial support; and
- to maintain financial support to the Colleges based on a per pupil model the value of which is set by the per pupil funding for the 2025/26 academic year adjusted annually by RPIX, with the maximum financial support per year not exceeding the total payable for the 2025/26 academic year adjusted annually by RPIX, with the subsidy each year to be calculated using the number of qualifying students (as described in paragraph 17.3 of the Policy Letter) on the 31<sup>st</sup> October in the preceding academic year; and

- that the resultant financial support to the Colleges is distributed to the Colleges in each such academic year based either on the number of qualifying students in Years 7 to 13 in each College (as described in paragraph 17.3 of the Policy Letter) or on such basis as is otherwise unanimously agreed by the Colleges and reported in advance of the payment period to the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture, for the purpose of delivering education for students in Years 7 to 13; and
- that the Key Performance Indicators set out in the resultant agreement between the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture and each of the Colleges should include assessments of students' attainment and progress; and
- that the resultant financial support may only be reduced or withdrawn after approval by the States of Deliberation and with five years' notice to the Colleges."

#### **Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans consistent with the Education Strategy, in particular: aspiring for excellence; using public resources responsibly, efficiently and effectively; working in partnership to support our learners, staff and the community; and using partnerships to improve education.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with the Colleges and the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) The financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect will not exceed those pertaining to original proposition 2.
- e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier and advice has been sought from the Officers of the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture.

### Explanatory note

This amendment is a compromise from the effective 14 year term sought by the Colleges in the original proposition 2.

The amendment:

- Acknowledges the important, valued role the Colleges play in our education system and that their stability is in the interests of the whole community;
- Introduces a lesser five year period on a rolling basis<sup>i</sup> (i.e. it requires five years' notice to terminate.) This is to provide reasonable certainty to enable the Colleges to plan in the medium term.
- Replaces the block grant with a fairer per qualifying student grant ensuring that if student numbers fall, as expected given forecast student numbers, the total grant paid will fall and does not rise as a proportion of the Colleges' total income.

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<sup>i</sup> During the last round of negotiation with the Colleges before 2020, it was envisaged that any financial support could move to a rolling basis in order to avoid the periodic cliff edges which come from having a fixed term agreements.