

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

**9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**Proposition No. P.2025/48**

**Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure**

**Establishing Guernsey's Offshore Renewable Energy Commission**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy H L de Sausmarez

Seconded by: Deputy A Gabriel

After proposition 5 agree to insert a new proposition as follows:

- "6. To direct the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure to investigate whether an alternative approach to the establishment of the Renewable Energy Commission (referred to as the Offshore Renewable Energy Commission in this policy letter) for the delivery of licencing offshore renewable energy developments may provide a more cost-effective approach while maintaining the necessary independence to provide certainty to developers, and report back to the States with their recommendations, including any necessary legislative changes, by the end of 2025."

**Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and priorities set out in the Government Work Plan, specifically by seeking to ensure best use of public monies and to explore the value of the seabed as an asset considering the benefits to Guernsey of offshore wind.
- b) This is a Committee amendment.
- 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 in carrying out this proposal.

- e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier and advice has been sought from the Officers of the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure.

#### Explanatory note

The proposition seeks to ensure that the States of Guernsey pursues the most cost-effective approach to licencing offshore renewable energy activities whilst ensuring that the processes remain suitably robust to ensure the certainty required by developers can be met. This Amendment acknowledges that the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure has delivered to the States Assembly in line with the 2023 Billet XIII Resolution placed upon it to "*bring back proposals for the establishment of the Renewable Energy Commission*" but seeks to ensure that this remains the best option for Guernsey to licence offshore renewable energy developments given the length of time that has elapsed following the drafting of the associated legislation.

The Policy Letter is clear that the proposed establishment of the Renewable Energy Commission is not yet tied to a commencement date, and so this will need to come back to the States at the appropriate time, which is not anticipated to be until 2026 in line with the offshore wind work. Therefore, having the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure revert to the States Assembly by the end of 2025 would have no material impact upon the timeline for developing the commercial exploitation of offshore wind, and should provide sufficient time for changes as required if an alternative approach is identified as preferable.

The review would be expected to take on advice from industry to ensure that the proposed approach is sufficiently robust in addition to seeking legal advice. The review should consider whether a separate body is the optimal balance of affordability and independence, or whether licencing through an existing entity could provide a more cost-effective approach whilst maintaining the required market certainty.