

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

**20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**

**Proposition No. P.2026/36**

**Election of a member of the Policy & Resources Committee**

**Motion under Article 7(1) of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948**

Proposed by: Deputy L de Sausmarez

Seconded by: Deputy Y Burford

To suspend Rule 26D of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation, for the purpose of the current meeting of the States only, to the extent necessary to permit an open ballot to be conducted in a manner prescribed by the Presiding Officer.

**Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The motion contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by seeking to ensure openness, accountability and public confidence in the election of a member of the States' Senior Committee.
- b) In preparing this amendment the remaining members of the Policy & Resources Committee have been provided with a draft of this motion.
- c) The amendment has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are not considered to be any direct financial implications for the States of Guernsey.
- e) Drafting advice was sought from the States' Greffier.

### Explanatory Note

Rule 26D, which regulates voting when the simultaneous electronic voting (“SEV”) is unavailable, would require an open (recorded) ballot for the election of a member of the Policy & Resources Committee. SEV cannot accommodate an election because the voting options are preset, that is to say Members can only have the options of 'pour', 'contre' and 'je ne vote pas'. The motion would suspend this Rule so that an open ballot can be conducted in an alternative manner.

The Presiding Officer has confirmed that, should this motion carry, voting shall be by named ballot paper. The States’ Greffier shall provide each Member with an individual ballot paper on which each Member shall indicate the “name of the Member voting” and the “name of candidate” for whom they vote.