THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

30th September, 2026

Proposition No. P. 2026/49

Policy & Resources Committee

Tax Reform 2026

SURSIS MOTIVÉ

Proposed by: Deputy L McKenna
Seconded by: Deputy S Vermeulen

To sursis the propositions until such time that the Chief Financial Officer has provided the States with a comprehensive report on the States financial position or 31st July 2028, whichever is earlier and to direct the Policy & Resources Committee to return the States with a tax reform package that does not include a goods and services tax.

Rule 4(1) Information

a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by ensuring the tax system is fair and proportionate.

b) In preparing this proposition no consultation has taken place.

c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.

d) The financial implication of carrying out this amendment would be the delay in the collection of potential revenue.

e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier.

Explanatory Note

The secondary proposition directs for the Policy & Resources Committee to return to the States with a tax reform package that does not include a goods and services tax.

The States is currently recruiting for a new Chief Financial Officer. It would be prudent for the States to permit the new appointed Officer time to examine the States financial position before a decision is made on tax reform.

The sursis motivé directs for the Policy & Resources Committee to return to the States with a tax reform pack which does not include a goods and services tax. This reflects the views of the general public which accept the need for increase in States revenue but do not support the introduce of a goods and services tax. Furthermore, it provides clear direction to the new Chief Financial Officer than when examining the States financial position that any recommendations from such report shall not include a goods and services tax.