

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2026**

**Proposition No. P.2026/82**

**Policy & Resources Committee**

**The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2027**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy S Williams

Seconded by: Deputy S Kazantseva-Miller

“To insert, in Proposition 16, immediately after the words “paragraph 6.27” the following:

“, subject to an additional £57,000 of expenditure for the Committee *for* Housing for the purpose of funding an increased grant to Action for Children.”

**Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans by supporting and facilitating the accommodation of vulnerable or at risk young people. Ensuring the availability of suitable specialist housing is a priority highlighted in the Committee’s workplan.
- b) In preparing the proposition there has been no consultation with stakeholders. However consultation with the Policy and Resources Committee occurred prior to the submission of the budget and these propositions align with views conveyed during that consultation.
- 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 are £57,000 of increased expenditure in 2027.
- e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States’ Greffier and from the Officers of Policy & Resources.

### Explanatory note

Action for Children has a Service Level Agreement with the States and Health Improvement Commission which commenced in 2022 and expires at the end of 2026. This agreement funded accommodation, substance misuse, employment training and life skills for young people aged 16-25. Most relevant for housing, this included the provision and management of 7 training flats which were intended as an environment in which young people could learn skills to live independently.

The provision is specifically focused on 'at risk' individuals with approximately 60% of those occupying training flats having had experience in care. With many having additional complex needs and a requirement for ongoing support.

Since the scheme was launched Action for Children has secured additional operational funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation, Guernsey Community Foundation and the Social Investment Fund. Their offering expanded further by the development of Maison St Pierre House, which provides an additional 7 training flats which have been designed specifically for this purpose. This expansion has been funded through charitable donations representing almost £2m in investment. With existing charitable grant funds due to expire. Action for Children has requested additional support from the States to cover its operational costs. For clarity, the sum requested does not represent the full cost of operating these additional training flats. Additional costs will be met by alternative fundraising.

In 2025 the service supported 67 young people, and there has been a notable increase in the number of referrals demonstrating sustained demand for the service.

The programme has delivered significant benefits, in addition to the obvious social benefits of providing this support there is an operational benefit. In the past 5 years 100% of individuals re-housed from training flats into social housing have successfully maintained their own tenancy, which although hard to quantify has an impact on the resource needs of the tenancy management team as well as the draw on alternative emergency accommodation providers such as St Julian's house. The award of a comparatively modest contribution by Government to a scheme that has been so generously supported by other charitable donations, represents exceptional value for money.