THE STATES OF DELIBERATION

of the

ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

3rd November, 2026

Proposition No. P. 2026/82

Policy & Resources Committee

The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2027

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

Proposed by: Deputy H L de Sausmarez
Seconded by: Deputy Y Burford

To vary Rule 17A(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the States, to the extent necessary, for the purposes of debate on P.2026/82, The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2027, to facilitate the following:

i) Speeches made in respect of opening and closing on secondary propositions to be limited to seven minutes and thirty seconds; all other speeches on amendments and speeches in general debate (excluding opening and closing on the original proposition) to be limited to five minutes.

Or, if (i) shall not have been carried:

ii) Speeches made in respect of opening and closing on secondary propositions to be limited to nine minutes; all other speeches on amendments and speeches in general debate (excluding opening and closing on the original proposition) to be limited to six minutes.

Rule 4(1) Information

a) The motion contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by seeking to facilitate the efficient conduct of parliamentary business while preserving Members' ability to scrutinise and debate.

b) Members will have been advised six days in advance of the intention of the Policy & Resources Committee to propose this motion.

c) The motion 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 has been sought from the States' Greffier.

Explanatory Note

The States of Deliberation's procedures are set out by the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees and, under Article 7(1) of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, the States of Deliberation may by resolution "vary, revoke or suspend such Rules or any of them".

This motion seeks to vary the application of Rule 17A (1) for the purposes of debate on P.2026/82 by limiting speeches as set out in the options explained in parts (i) and (ii) of the motion. For the avoidance of doubt, part (i) will be voted on first: if it carries then part (ii) will not be put to the Assembly, but if part (i) does not carry, part (ii) will then be voted on.

The purpose of the motion is to enable timely consideration of P.2026/82, The States of Guernsey Annual Budget 2027, given the number of secondary propositions that have been lodged and acknowledging the need for the Budget to be agreed at the scheduled meeting so as to allow sufficient time (among other operational considerations) for coding notices to be issued and input into employers' payroll systems ahead of the first payroll in the new year, which for some will be within the first week of January.