

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

26th January, 2022

Proposition No. P.2021/144

Policy & Resources Committee, Committee *for* Health & Social Care and
Committee *for* Home Affairs

Living responsibly with COVID-19

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy N R Inder

Seconded by: Deputy N G Moakes

To insert the following Propositions after Proposition 1:-

- “2. To agree that the President of the Committee *for* Economic Development should be a permanent member of the Civil Contingencies Authority.
3. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the above decision.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The propositions do not contribute to the States’ objectives and policy plans.
- b) In preparing the propositions there has been no consultation with stakeholders.
- c) The propositions have been submitted to Her Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

Explanatory note

As described in section 3 of the Policy Letter, the Civil Contingencies Authority provides a unified mechanism for urgent decision-making across policy mandates. Its constitution, as set out in Schedule 1 to the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey)

Law, 2012 (“the 2012 Law”), provides that the permanent members of the Authority are the Presidents of the Policy & Resources Committee, Committee for Home Affairs, the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure and the Committee *for* Health & Social Care.

Managing the effects of the spread of COVID-19 has involved various measures which, amongst other things, have affected individual residents, schools, travel and businesses. It is imperative, if the Bailiwick is to survive and live with the effects of COVID-19, that business and commerce are enabled to continue to flourish. In addition, the experience of dealing with the effects of an emergency, such as COVID-19, has demonstrated the need to have regard to the effects of an emergency on the Bailiwick’s economy.

Given the above, it would seem appropriate that the President of the Committee *for* Economic Development should participate as a permanent member of the Authority. Such a step would ensure that business and commercial interests are represented effectively by the Committee via its President whenever the Authority is obliged to meet and consider any emergency response or planning . In order to give effect to the proposal, some relatively straight-forward amendments would need to be made to the 2012 Law.

This amendment asks the States to agree the proposal set out above and direct that suitable amendments are made to the 2012 Law.