# THE STATES OF DELIBERATION Of the ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

Proposition No. P.2022/74

#### **Committee for Health & Social Care**

### **Review of the Children Law and Outcomes**

#### **AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy A H Brouard Seconded by: Deputy P J Roffey

1. To delete Proposition 12d and substitute therefor:

"To change the threshold test for a Community Parenting Order so that it;

- is suitably adapted to our context;
- is distinct and separate from the criteria for referral to the Convenor or the making of a care requirement;
- it removes the requirement for at least one of the conditions in the current Section 35 to be made out;
- is in line with the 2004 Policy Letter that there is no foreseeable prospect of the child being cared for safely within the family; and
- is consistent with the principles that there is no reasonable prospect of the child's parents or any other member of the child's family being able to care for the child within a timescale suitable to the needs and interests of the child. [This will in practice mean that the family assessments will have to be completed prior to the final order being met]"

#### Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The Proposition contributes to the delivery of the States' objectives as set out in the Government Work Plan, which includes the 'Review Children Law and Outcomes' action.
- b) Consultation has been undertaken with the Committee *for* Health & Social Care, and the Children & Young People's Board.
- c) The Proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.

d) It is not considered that there will be any financial implications of carrying this proposal into effect.

## **Explanatory Note**

This Amendment seeks to set out explicitly what the requirements are that the revised Community Parenting Order threshold test must comply with, in line with the intentions set out in the Policy Letter.