

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

4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**Proposition No. P.2024/62**

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948**

Proposed by: Deputy L Queripel

Seconded by: Deputy T Bury

To suspend the Rules of Procedure to the extent necessary to permit the Proposition set out below to be considered.

**Proposition No. P.2024/62**

**States' Assembly & Constitution Committee**

**Candidate Expenditure Limits and Criminal Conviction Declarations**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy L Queripel

Seconded by: Deputy T Bury

To insert an additional Proposition:

“To agree that there shall be made available by the States of Guernsey a grant –

(a) in the same amount as that agreed for the 2020 General Election (i.e. of up to £500), plus

(b) an inflationary uplift as laid out in paragraph 5.21 of the policy letter entitled ‘General Election 2025 – Second Policy Letter’ dated 5th April 2024,

which may be claimed by a candidate to assist with campaign expenses and which shall count for the purpose of the candidate's permitted electoral expenditure.”

### **Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The proposition contributes to the States objectives and policy plan by ensuring the 2025 General Election fosters social inclusion and an aspirational society.
- b) In preparing the proposition, the expression of Members in the Assembly has been taken into account. Consultation with the States' Assembly & Constitution Committee was undertaken for a similar amendment which was laid in respect of the policy letter entitled 'General Election 2025 – Second Policy Letter' dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- 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 would be in the region of £60,000.

### **Explanatory Note**

This amendment seeks to reinstate the grant for candidates standing in the 2025 election. The grant allows candidates to claim up to a specified amount (which was £500 in 2020 and will require an inflationary uplift for 2025, as per paragraph 5.21 of the policy letter entitled 'General Election 2025 – Second Policy Letter' dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024) to assist with campaign expenses. This can be redeemed on the production of invoices/receipts.

#### **5.21 of General Election 2025 – Second Policy Letter**

Given the final cost of producing, printing and posting the booklets was higher than forecast in 2020 at £134,505 (owing to more candidates than anticipated) the Committee deemed it necessary to consider whether the grant to candidates should be provided again at an additional cost in the region of £60,000 (including an inflationary uplift to the £50,000) particularly in the current financial climate.