

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

5th November 2024

Proposition No. P.2024/

Policy & Resources Committee

The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2025

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy A Dudley-Owen

Seconded by: Deputy S Haskins

1. To insert at the end of Proposition 29 “subject to inserting an additional £151,000 to the 2025 Budget for the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture for the purpose of an increased grant to St James for the year 2025, and to reduce the 2025 Budget Reserve by the same value.”.
2. To insert an additional proposition as follows:

“To note that work continues to ensure best value is generated by the funding through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture to be put in place with St James’s to cover inter alia:

- Clarity of which services are of most importance to the taxpayer and therefore justify the level of funding,
- That the level of those services is measured along with the positive contribution they make towards States key strategies across culture, education and economic development,
- A clear mechanism for reviewing and adjusting any funding that is in place,
- A stated intention for how many years the funding is to be offered,
- A commitment to cooperation with Guernsey Arts and the voluntary sector to optimise the use of community resources, and
- A common understanding of the requirement for St James’s to have a plan for the business to become less reliant upon government grant funding.”.

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by growing economic competitiveness through supporting a rich and vibrant cultural and arts scene in Guernsey which is attractive to both residents and visitors alike.
- b) In preparing the proposition, consultation and engagement has been undertaken with St James, Treasury and P&RC.
- 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 that Committee cash limits for 2025 will be £151,000 higher, although it is proposed that the budget reserve is reduced correspondingly so that the overall 2025 Budget is unchanged.

Explanatory note

The purpose of this amendment is to secure the immediate future of St James by funding the sum of £151,000 for the year 2025.

Furthermore, to give assurance that work is underway and will continue between the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture and St James to ensure there is a sustainable plan in place to secure the longer term future of St James.