

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

5th November, 2024

Proposition No. P.2024/91

Policy and Resources Committee

The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2025

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

Proposed by: Deputy A Matthews

Seconded by: Deputy P Ferbrache

To suspend Rule 24(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees to the extent necessary to permit the amendment below to be debated.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy A Matthews

Seconded by: Deputy P Ferbrache

To delete Proposition 22 and insert a new proposition:

“22. To approve that projects to build temporary housing villages are added to the Major Projects Portfolio.”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The amended proposition contributes to the States objectives to grow economic competitiveness through provision of housing supply.
- b) In preparing this amendment, consultation has been undertaken with the Committee for Environment and Infrastructure, the Committee for Employment and Social Security and the Policy and Resources Committee.
- c) The amendment has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) The direct financial implications for the States of Guernsey would remain unchanged from the original Proposition 22.

Explanatory Note

The details relating to the original Proposition 22 are contained within paragraphs 7.26 and 7.27 of the full budget proposals and highlight the need for additional accommodation to house “off island construction workers” and “key workers”.

Whilst the proposer and seconder do not dispute the needs of these employment groups, the proposition unamended fails to provide any immediate relief to islanders already struggling with access to accommodation.

It is our view that any accommodation, temporary or otherwise, should be available to those most in need and not reserved for a group who are yet to even gain employment in the island.

The amended proposition ensures that local residents would also be able to benefit from temporary housing opportunities rather than such housing being prioritised only for off-island construction/key workers.

The budget proposals do not give any detail or commitments to a particular site, style or method of development, leaving the Policy and Resources Committee a large degree of flexibility in bringing forward proposals. This amendment, if adopted, would retain the committee’s flexibility in developing these proposals.

For the avoidance of doubt, neither the proposer or seconder consider any temporary housing to be a substitute or alternative to building permanent homes, but it could be an addition to the existing housing programme, and could be particularly useful for emergency accommodation for those who find themselves without a roof over their head (e.g. due to lack of liquidity and shortfalls in both the States and private rental market)