STATES OF JERSEY



PROPOSED GOVERNMENT PLAN 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): NINTH AMENDMENT

GUERNSEY CO-OPERATION

Lodged au Greffe on 25th November 2022 by the Council of Ministers

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (i) –

After the words "as set out at Appendix 3 to the Report" insert the words –

"except that, on page 46 an additional bullet point shall be added to the list under the heading "Objectives of the Value for Money Programme", with the following text inserted: "The Council of Ministers will continually seek to identify opportunities for joint working with Guernsey which could generate improved value for money through collaboration, whether through revenue savings or more effective services."

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to receive the Government Plan 2023–2026 specified in Article 9(1) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 ("the Law") and specifically –

- a. to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the Consolidated Fund in 2023 as set out in Appendix 2 Summary Table 1 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and impôts duties changes outlined in the Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law;
- to approve the proposed Changes to Approval for financing/borrowing for 2023, as shown in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report, which may be obtained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as and when required, in line with Article 9 (2)(c) of the Law, of up to those revised approvals;
- c. to approve the transfers from one States fund to another for 2023 of up to and including the amounts set in Appendix 2 Summary Table 3 in line with Article 9(2)(b) of the Law;
- d. to approve each major project that is to be started or continued in 2023 and the total cost of each such project and any amendments to the proposed total cost of a major project under a previously approved Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(d), (e) and (f) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 Summary Table 4 to the Report;
- e. to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for 2023, for each Head of Expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(g), 10(1) and 10(2) of

- the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report;
- f. to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading fund in 2023 in line with Article 9(2)(h) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 Summary Table 6 to the Report;
- g. to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation's trading fund for 2023 for each head of expenditure in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 Summary Table 7 to the Report;
- h. to approve the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2023 as set out in Appendix 2 Summary Table 8 to the Report; and
- i. to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Government Plan 2023-2026, as set out at Appendix 3 to the Report, except that, on page 46 an additional bullet point shall be added to the list under the heading "Objectives of the Value for Money Programme", with the following text inserted: "The Council of Ministers will continually seek to identify opportunities for joint working with Guernsey which could generate improved value for money through collaboration, whether through revenue savings or more effective services.

REPORT

The Deputy Chief Minister recently met with counterparts in Guernsey to discuss opportunities for greater pan-island cooperation. This covered a range of areas where cooperation between the Bailiwicks might improve outcomes or reduce waste and deliver economies of scale for both governments. Working with Guernsey enables good practice to be shared and resources pooled to reduce costs in a number of key areas.

Further to these discussions, amendments were made to Guernsey's 2023 budget to support joint working: 1. The States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2023. - States of Deliberation: Simultaneous Electronic Voting (gov.gg). This amendment mirrors the amendment made in Guernsey to their budget and endorses greater collaboration between the Islands.

While this objective has been promoted in the past, it remains as valid as ever, with some key challenges facing both Islands.

Financial and manpower implications

This work will be delivered within existing resources and there are no immediate financial or staffing implications for this government plan. However, it is hoped that over time closer working with Guernsey could contribute to the Value For Money programme and reduce costs for the Government.