

STATES OF JERSEY



FUNDING FOR THE JERSEY REDS (P.78/2023): AMENDMENT

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For the words “ensure that additional funding is provided by the States, to the Jersey Reds, to allow them to complete” substitute the words “make funding available to the Jersey Reds, subject to the provision of a business case by the organisation that quantifies the benefits of the Club to the Island and demonstrates that the organisation will remain operational for”

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

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

to request the Minister for Treasury and Resources to take the necessary steps to make funding available to the Jersey Reds, subject to the provision of a business case by the organisation that quantifies the benefits of the Club to the Island and demonstrates that the organisation will remain operational for the 2023-2024 rugby season.

REPORT

When providing grant funding, it is essential that the anticipated benefits are known and that there is some assurance that those benefits will deliver value to the community. This amendment's purpose is to ensure sufficient due diligence is undertaken before grant payments are approved. Should the proposition be successful, it is essential that the anticipated economic and social benefits are understood and that the value to the taxpayer is quantified. This will also provide a basis for measuring the funding outcomes, which may be used to inform future decisions about funding requests in future years.

It is also essential that any organisation receiving Government funding gives its assurance that it will be viable and can continue to operate sustainably for the period in which the funding relates. Therefore, the Assembly should expect that Ministers will undertake the necessary steps to ensure the viability of any proposal prior to paying grants out.

Financial and staffing implications

There will be limited additional staff requirements to review and assess the potential business case and ensure that this meets expectations, and any risks are identified. It is anticipated that such staff time can be met from existing budgets.