P.2026/91

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

THE CHILDREN (GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY) (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2025 (AMENDMENT AND COMMENCEMENT) ORDINANCE, 2026

The States are asked to decide:-

Whether they are of the opinion to approve the draft Ordinance entitled "The Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025 (Amendment and Commencement) Ordinance, 2026" and to direct that the same shall have effect as an Ordinance of the States.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Ordinance commences the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025 ("the Amendment Law"), which in turn makes a number of amendments to the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2008 ("the Children Law"). It does this at section 2. It also:

- at section 1, corrects two typographical errors in sections in the Amendment Law that are being commenced;

- at section 3, makes consequential amendments to the Children (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2009, which flow from the changes of name to the Safeguarder Service and Islands Child Protection Committee brought about by the Amendment Law; and

- at section 4, amends a commencement provision in the Children (Consequential Amendments etc.) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2009, which in turn directs repeals on the making of regulations, in order to provide flexibility to commence those repeals in stages by more than one set of regulations.

The Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025 (Amendment and Commencement) Ordinance, 2026

THE STATES, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 18 of the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025[a], section 20 of the Interpretation and Standard Provisions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2016[b], sections 85, 120 and 123 of the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2008[c], and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order:-

Amendment of the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025.

1. The Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025 is amended as follows -

(a) at the end of section 3(8)(b), insert -

"(c) in subsection (3) for "the Committee" substitute "the Islands Safeguarding Children Partnership".", and

(b) in section 13(2), for "penally" substitute "penalty".

---

a Order in Council No. I of 2026.

b Order in Council No. V of 2018; this enactment has been amended.

c Order in Council No. XIV of 2009; this enactment has been amended.

Commencement of the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025.

2. The Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025, as amended by this Ordinance, shall come into force on the 21st December, 2026.

Amendment to the Children (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2009.

3. (1) The Children (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2009[d] is amended as follows.

(2) In the following provisions, for "Safeguarder" substitute "Family Proceedings Advisory" -

(a) the heading to Part VIII,

(b) section 38, in the section heading and in subsection (1),

(c) section 46(1), and

(d) paragraph 10 of the Fourth Schedule.

(3) In the following provisions, for "Safeguarders" substitute "Family Proceedings Advisors" -

(a) section 39(a), (b) and (c),

---

d Ordinance No. XLVIII of 2009; this enactment has been amended.

(b) the crossheading before section 41,

(c) section 41(1),

(d) the heading to section 43,

(e) the heading to section 44, and

(f) the heading to section 45.

(4) In the following provisions, for "Safeguarder" substitute "Family Proceedings Advisor" -

(a) section 43(1), in each place it appears,

(b) section 43(2)(b),

(c) section 44(2),

(d) section 44(3), in each place it appears,

(e) section 44(4), in each place it appears,

(f) section 45, in each place it appears,

(g) the First Schedule, in each place it appears, and

(h) the Third Schedule, in each place it appears.

(5) In the following provisions, for "Safeguarder's" substitute "Family Proceedings Advisor's" -

(a) section 43(2)(d), and

(b) section 44(1).

(6) In section 30, for "Child Protection Committee" substitute "Islands Safeguarding Children Partnership".

Amendment of the Children (Consequential Amendments etc.) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2009.

4. In the Children (Consequential Amendments etc.) (Guernsey and Alderney) Ordinance, 2009[e], in section 7(2), for "making of regulations under section 25 of the Law" substitute "date appointed for that purpose in regulations made by the Committee".

Citation.

5. This Ordinance may be cited as the Children (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Law, 2025 (Amendment and Commencement) Ordinance, 2026.

---

[e] Ordinance No. VII of 2010; this enactment has been amended.