



STATEMENT

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Statement from GIBA chairman Patrick Firth on Policy & Resources Committee's review of Aurigny

'I firmly believe that Aurigny should be an economic enabler for the island but I welcome Policy & Resources' review provided it is undertaken with the care and urgency that a situation of this seriousness warrants.

'Action needs to be taken during the review process and before the findings are made public. It is vital that we agree what an acceptable service looks like and then seek to achieve it without being restricted by current business models and existing financial constraints.

'It should also be recognised that Aurigny is just one operator and a solution to our current transport problems involves other operators and means of transport and it may also involve infrastructure changes including a longer runway. The positive knock on effects should then benefit all islanders.

'The outcome of the review and the more immediate action taken needs to ensure that Guernsey becomes an easier place to do business.

'The Terms of Reference as released this week are sufficiently wide to allow consideration to be given to industry concerns and the make up of the panel gives us a level of comfort.'

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