



'ITS OVER TO YOU THE STATES'
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FOLLOWING considerable pressure from islanders to continue the public consultation on Long Port's Vision which started last week Long Port has determined today that a period of quiet reflection is appropriate for all parties.

'It is up to the States now to consider its next step,' said Chairman Charles Billson.

'We were advised yesterday [Tuesday] by a member of the Policy Council, that; "The States of Guernsey elected members will debate if they wish to spend any more money or time on the Eastern Seaboard next February. If they do support, a public consultation will take place, followed by a report to the States to make an informed decision. Invitations to companies/individuals will be sought for various schemes. It may be though that next February members will decide to leave the Eastern Seaboard alone".

Since the public exhibitions last week Long Port has been pleased with the number of comments the public and organisations have made.

'We would encourage the public to continue making comment about the Vision either directly with their deputies or through Long Port. We will be submitting all comments received to the States for their consideration,' said Mr Billson.

Mr Billson reiterated that the Vision was a response to the Public Services Department's request for consultation on the sewage problem and that they were then requested by Public Services to present the Vision to the entire States in August.

'It is important to remember that any part of the menu or phases can be selected by islanders and the States as they are all free standing projects with different objectives, outcomes and timelines,' he said.

'We understand that both the Public Services' sewage and Environment's refuse reports will be published early in the New Year. It will be interesting to see if these are two band aids, have a joined up strategy to each other, and/or consider the off site cross subsidy funding opportunities that we have raised.'

He added that Long Port would make no further public comment until the States has published the two reports in January and determined its Eastern Seaboard strategy in February.

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