
STATES OF JERSEY



GOVERNMENT PLAN 2022-2025 SCRUTINY REVIEW (ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY PANEL) (S.R.17/2021): RESPONSE OF THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE

**Presented to the States on 24th January 2022
by the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture**

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Ministerial Response to:	S.R.17/2021
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Review title:	Government Plan 2022-2025
Scrutiny Panel:	Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

FINDINGS

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1	The budget for Jersey Overseas Aid (JOA) is linked to Gross Value Added (GVA) and will increase/decrease annually in line with how GVA performs.	This is a point for the Minister for International Development, who has noted it accordingly.
2	During part of the refurbishment process of Elizabeth Castle, there is a reliance on Jersey Heritage having historical knowledge of the make-up of the building and an understanding of the quantity of work required for the refurbishment. The Panel is concerned that the breadth of experience required to undertake such a project may not fully meet the remit of the Jersey Heritage team and, as a result, additional expertise may be required. This may result in unforeseen situations and risks occurring which have not been planned or budgeted for.	Jersey Heritage are fully aware of the complexities of working within historic buildings such as Elizabeth Castle. Jersey Heritage understand that their own knowledge must regularly be supplemented by experts - both in Jersey and from elsewhere such as York University. The business plan for the renovation project contains significant assessment of the risks and makes provision to acquire the relevant expertise to successfully undertake the work.
3	The figure of £814,000 allocated to the Inspiring Active Places project for 2022	Noted. Updates will be provided in due course.

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	relates to initial design and consultation. The delivery of the project will begin once this has taken place.	
4	The Panel found the consultation process on the Inspiring Active Places project to be extremely comprehensive and targeted all age groups and demographics.	Noted. Updates will be provided in due course.
5	The refusal of planning permission at Oakfield Sports Centre and the lack of progress on the refurbishment of Springfield Sports Centre may both have a detrimental effect on the delivery of the Inspiring Active Places sports strategy.	Noted. A new planning application has been submitted for Oakfield. Springfield work is progressing well.
6	Planning permission has been granted for the skatepark at Les Quennevais Fields. It is unclear when a planning application will be submitted for the second proposed skatepark at South Hill, or for any proposed satellite skateparks around the island.	<p>Work on the South Hill Skatepark is being progressed in the context of wider South Hill Gardens area, where there is potential to significantly improve the public space and provide a valuable amenity in this part of St Helier. This regeneration is particularly timely in light of the new residential units that are being developed.</p> <p>The original outline planning application was submitted on 12th March 2021 but was later withdrawn on the advice of planning officers after a concern had been raised about heritage and ecology issues.</p> <p>There will be further consultation with the public and key stakeholders prior to the development of revised proposals. A detailed project programme will be prepared and a planning application will be resubmitted as soon as possible this year.</p> <p>Work to identify possible sites for satellite facilities around the island is also being progressed. This will involve public and</p>

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		stakeholder consultation. Submission of planning applications will follow. Funding has been allocated for forthcoming years in the Government Plan.
7	The responsibility for both the current operational structure and the overall future of the Fort Regent project remains unclear, which may result in the lines of Ministerial accountability being blurred and progress delayed.	The Minister wrote to the Panel on 14th December to provide clarification on the day-to-day operations at Fort Regent compared to the Future Fort redevelopment programme, which is a separate, overarching major capital project looking at the long-term future of the site.

RECOMMENDATIONS

	Recommendations	To	Accept / Reject	Comments	Target date of action/ completion
1	The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture should ensure a full risk assessment is carried out prior to any works being undertaken on the refurbishment of Elizabeth Castle. The Minister should also ensure that Jersey Heritage have the required experience to undertake any works due and should include responsibility for oversight of these works within the risk assessment. A contingency plan should also be put in place with a clear budget for each aspect of the refurbishment.		Reject	Already undertaken: The business plan for the renovation project contains significant risk assessment and mitigation, including budgeting.	
2	The Council of Ministers should ensure that funding is clearly defined		Reject	The IAP programme is a ten-year programme and funding requirements will be shown in the relevant	

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	in future Government Plans for the delivery of the Inspiring Active Places project. This should include detail around delivery of each stage of the project together with the funding stream required to deliver the strategy.			Government Plans once details are approved. These will need to be confirmed by the next States Assembly and is not in the gift of this Council of Ministers.	
3	The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture should ensure a contingency is in place to deal with delays to the ongoing delivery of sports projects on the Island. This could cover aspects such as planning refusal, delays, and spiralling costs.		Reject	Each project will need to be treated separately. If delays occur, the project team will respond to the specific circumstances at the time.	
4	The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture should ensure that detailed information is provided to States Members and members of the public regarding the timeline of any planning application, in addition to any consultation process that will be carried out for future skateparks. This should cover, not only South Hill, but all future States funded satellite skateparks, with Parish Connétables being consulted on any key decisions affecting their Parishes.		Accept	The high level of public interest in skatepark projects is recognised. As plans progress for new facilities, community engagement and public consultation will take place. This is already planned.	

Re-issue Note

This Ministerial Response was re-issued to amend the wording of Part 6 of the Findings – comments, and Part 4 of the Recommendations – comments.
