## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BY DEPUTY D.J. WARR OF ST. HELIER SOUTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

## Question

"Will the Minister advise the level of funding included within the proposed <u>Budget (Government Plan)</u> <u>2025-2028</u> for the provision of a new youth facility on the Ann Street Brewery site, whether this funding has changed and when he anticipates delivery of the facility?"

## Answer

My Assistant Minister, Deputy Ferey has been the political lead with the support of officers in CYPES who have been working with officers in the Department for Infrastructure and Environment, Treasury and Exchequer, Commercial Services, and the CPMO. Officers have produced a clear and detailed business case, delivered a presentation to the Council of Ministers on proposals and met with the Connétable of St Helier and Parish officials to keep the Parish up to date with proposals.

The business case clearly highlights the need for such a youth facility, with the increase of housing within the town area and that the town has experienced a decline in Youth Centres with the closure of Aquila and Seaton Youth Centres many years ago. The children and young people of St Helier must have the same access to youth work opportunities as those in other Parishes.

We will soon be entering negotiations with commercial organisations, and for this very reason I am not at this stage able to disclose the value of the project until contracts are agreed and signed.

With reference the anticipated delivery of the facility, we would hope this would open early 2028.