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Deputy Lyndon Farnham  
**Chief Minister**

**BY EMAIL**

10th April 2025

Dear Chief Minister,

**Parish and Government Review Panel – Establishment and Terms of Reference**

I am writing to inform you that a review panel has been established to assess the relationship between the parishes and the Government of Jersey. The focus of the review is to evaluate how effectively the parishes and the Government collaborate in delivering community services and implementing shared key strategies and policies.

The panel is comprised of myself as Chair, Deputy Catherine Curtis as Vice-Chair, Deputy Kristina Moore as a member, and Connétable Richard Honeycombe as a member.

As a panel, we have agreed the following Terms of Reference to guide our review work:

1. To examine and document the current relationship between the civic functions and services provided by the parish and government administration.
2. To consider how the government and parishes work collaboratively to deliver timely and effective community services. This includes but is not limited to:
  - a. Refuse and Recycling
  - b. Parks and Gardens
  - c. Play spaces
  - d. Honorary Policing
3. To explore the ways in which government engages and interacts with the parishes in order to deliver on its key strategies and policies (i.e. putting children first, carbon neutral roadmap, community safety, health prevention, reducing bureaucracy).
4. To review the administrative functions currently being delivered by the parishes and to consider whether different mechanisms might be needed to meet modern requirements for satisfactory interaction with relevant government functions. This will include but is not limited to:
  - a. Firearms certificates
  - b. Alcohol licensing
  - c. Administration and policing of roads, parks and beaches
  - d. Role of parish in the planning application process

5. To understand how the current system of rates operates and is being applied. To assess whether there is a role for the government in ensuring that each parish applies a transparent and sustainable model and a common methodology which acts in the best interests of all islanders.

In due course, we will be reaching out to request information to support the review and may also contact other Ministers as the process progresses. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the panel's work, I would be happy to address these.

We look forward to working with you and the Ministers on this important matter for Jersey.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Helen Miles  
**Chair,**  
**Parishes and Government Review Panel**