WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BY DEPUTY L.M.C. DOUBLET OF ST. SAVIOUR QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

Question

"Further to the publication of the Children Young People and Families' Plan 2024-27 in May 2024, will the Minister detail in a table format –

- (a) what progress, if any, has been made to date to implement each of the actions contained in the plan; and, if none, provide an explanation why;
- (b) what funding and resources have been allocated to each of the actions in this plan; and
- (c) the planned time frame for completion of each action?"

Answer

a) The Children, Young People and Families' Plan 2024-2027 provides an overarching framework behind which government programmes and strategies can align to promote and support the wellbeing and safeguard the welfare of children and young people.

The plan is intended as an enabler for joint working and commissioning of services from the private and voluntary sectors who play a vital role in children and family's lives. The programmes and strategies referenced in the plan provide the delivery mechanisms for action which then contribute to improving children's outcomes.

Results from the next Children and Young Peoples Survey are due for publication in Spring 2025. These will provide a timely update on children and young people's experiences in the key areas identified in the plan. The survey results will inform a data dashboard which is being developed to provide better insight of key children outcomes in childhood.

- b) There is no separate allocation of funding for the plan. The individual programmes of work referenced in the plan are funded via their own ministerial department. Funding allocated to these programmes will be contained within the proposed <u>Government Plan (2024-2027) budget</u> under either an existing head of expenditure or if an additional resource resulting from CSP commitment.
- c) Governance of individual programmes and actions identified within the plan remains with the relevant lead government department and Minister.

The oversight of the Children, Young People and Families' plan is undertaken by the Children's Outcomes Executive Committee (COEC) as set out in its <u>terms of reference</u>. This approach is consistent with the <u>Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022</u>.

The Children's Outcomes Executive Committee will be assisted in their monitoring role by the School Council Network which will continue to progress action on key themes identified and <u>reported</u> on during the review of the plan.