## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING BY DEPUTY I. GARDINER OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020

## Question

Will the Minister provide the details of the Allocations and Affordability Criteria used to determine persons as being eligible to access the Affordable Housing Gateway register and to purchase a family home, as requested by the Assembly with the adoption of 'Housing developments for first-time buyers: allocation criteria' P.53/2019)?

## Answer

A draft allocations and affordability criteria for assisted home ownership schemes has been developed and I will consider this document by the end of January and publish it once approved.

Alongside the publication of the criteria, I am also proposing the transfer of the administration of all assisted home ownership schemes to Andium Homes. This is consistent with the recommendation of the Review of Access to Social Housing in Jersey published in June 2019.

Andium Homes has a dedicated property sales team who have the professional expertise and resources to manage assisted home ownership schemes, as well as relationships with mortgage providers and law firms to ensure that clients are provided with appropriate support and guidance when looking to purchase a home.

It is important to ensure that the assisted home ownership criteria are aligned with the practical arrangements for managing property sales. Both initiatives will, therefore, be taken forward together.