STATES OF JERSEY



TRANSFERS BETWEEN HEADS OF EXPENDITURE UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCES (JERSEY) LAW 2019: ARTICLE 18 – 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Presented to the States on 28th February 2025 by the Minister for Treasury and Resources

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REPORT

Decision(s): Under Article 18(4) of the <u>Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019</u> (the Law), the Minister for Treasury and Resources hereby notifies the States, and having consulted with any relevant Minister under Article 18(5) of the Law; that she has agreed to the following –

Transfers between Heads of Expenditure under Article 18 of the Law

MD-	Department			
TR- Ref. 2025 - 151	From – Infrastructure Head of Expenditure	To – IHE Road Safety Improvements capital Head of Expenditure	£ up to £1,300,000	Funding of — a redirection of the balance of the Jersey Car Parking financial return to Infrastructure, after funding of revenue items.

After the expiry of 4 weeks following the presentation to the States of these transfers, the Minister hereby authorises the Treasurer of the States to action the transfers outlined in the table above.

Background

Jersey Car Parking (JCP) was set up as a standalone Trading Operation under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 to administer, manage and maintain the Island's car parks. Since the inception of JCP in the late 1990's an annual financial return has been made. In the initial years this was to the former Public Services Committee, in later years this was to general States Revenues before reverting back to Infrastructure, Housing & Environment. This is now facilitated through the Infrastructure Department.

P.147/2004 proposed that income in excess of the sums required to maintain and operate the Car Parking Trading Fund should be allocated to the [then] Environment and Public Services Committee for the funding of transport initiatives such as the bus service and highway maintenance. Such qualifying items have included village improvement schemes, the Eastern Cycle Network, and the shared pedestrian and cyclist path in St. Peter's valley.

Some expenditure, such as the implementation of traffic calming measures or provision of bus-related infrastructure to promote the Sustainable Island Transport Policy (P.60/1999), contain capital elements. Facilitating the redirection of this revenue budget to this particular capital Head of Expenditure items can thus better reflect the nature of such expenditure, whilst being within the parameters of P.147/2004.

Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the budget transfer of up to £1,300,000 in 2025 from the Infrastructure revenue Head of Expenditure to the IHE Road Safety Improvements capital Head of Expenditure (P-300107). This is a redirection of an

excess of the Jersey Car Parking financial return to the States of Jersey, after funding applicable revenue expenses.

Reason for Decision

Article 18(1)(a) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that a specified amount appropriated for one head of expenditure may, with the approval of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, be used for the purposes of another head of expenditure that is set out in the government plan.

Article 18(4) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the Minister shall give the States Assembly at least 4 weeks' notice before an amount is transferred under paragraph (1)(a).

Article 18(5) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that if a direction under this Article would affect a head of expenditure that relates to the responsibilities of any Minister, that Minister must be consulted before the direction is made. The Minister has been consulted.

A proposition (P.60/1999) lodged on 11 May 1999, and approved on 29 June 1999, approved the introduction of a Sustainable Transport Policy. A subsequent proposition (P.147.2004) was approved on 19 October 2004, which approved the necessary legislative changes to allow the raising of income from parking charges in excess of the sums required to maintain and operate the Car Parking Trading Fund. Any additional income raised in this way was to be allocated for the funding of transport initiatives such as the bus service and highway maintenance.

Resource Implications

The Infrastructure Head of Expenditure is limited to receipt of up to £1,700,000, to be drawn down for applicable transport initiatives.

Where this revenue source cannot be utilised within the Departmental revenue Head of Expenditure, this Ministerial Decision will enable any unutilised funds, up to a value of £1,300,000, to be transferred to the IHE Road Safety Improvements capital Head of Expenditure (P-300107) for 2025.

This decision can be found on <u>www.gov.je</u> under the following Ministerial Decision references –

• MD-TR-2025-151

which were signed on 28th February 2025.