

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2022**

Question

With respect to the West of Island Planning Framework and the Local Improvement Plan for St Brelade's Bay proposed in the Bridging Island Plan, will the Minister advise –

- (a) the date by which work on both the Framework and the Improvement Plan is expected to commence;
- (b) whether the work will include a needs analysis or a gap analysis in each case, and if not, why not; and
- (c) whether he or his department intend to engage with local planning consultants to assist in developing the Framework, the Improvement Plan and the related gap and need analyses, and if not, why not?

Answer

(a) Definitive dates for the commencement of these workstreams have yet to be determined. Proposal 18 of the bridging Island Plan requires the St Brelade's Bay improvement plan to have been developed by December 2023, so this workstream will need to commence and be completed next year. Strategic proposal 4 of the bridging Island Plan envisages that the west of island planning framework will be brought forward during the bridging plan period. The progression of both workstreams is dependent upon the availability of resources.

(b) Specific terms of reference for each workstream have yet to be defined. Higher level objectives relative to the purposes of each project are indicated in the bridging Island Plan. The west of island planning framework seeks to explore and identify future development needs and opportunities in this part of the island, which might suggest that some form of needs analysis is required: the focus and form of this remains to be determined. The St Brelade's Bay improvement plan is likely to be more focused on identifying potential proactive interventions and guidance to enhance the bay, as informed by and set out in public engagement, baseline reporting and recommendations already undertaken¹.

(c) The need to engage consultant support to assist with the delivery of this work has yet to be determined and will be dependent upon the nature of the briefs; the capacity of existing in-house local professional resources; the availability of financial resources; and, in the event that professional external support is required, a procurement process.

¹ [St Brelade Character Appraisal \(gov.je\)](https://www.gov.je/stbrelade/characterappraisal)