

STATES OF JERSEY



STRATEGIC PLAN 2006 TO 2011 (P.40/2006): EIGHTH AMENDMENT (P.40/2006. AMD.(8))– COMMENTS

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by the Council of Ministers**

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COMMENTS

The Council of Ministers accept this amendment. In doing so they note that the majority of the Recommended Policy options put forward in the 2001 report Jersey into the Millennium have been delivered already (in some cases bettered), are in train with current activities or are contained within the draft Strategic Plan. Similarly the documents vision statement contains nothing that is not mirrored by the Draft Strategic Plan.

The following sections present an update of the recommended policy options from the report. It shows that they are all adopted, other than the section on population. The States has agreed the Migration Policy which is being implemented. Full implementation will require changes to existing laws which will be brought to the States in 2007. The Migration Policy and previous Strategic Plan did not accept a fixed cap on population. Instead it was agreed that there should be no more than an overall 1% per annum increase in the working population over the life of the Strategic Plan. This is continued in the proposed Plan.

The States has agreed within the Migration Strategy (P.25/2005) that the fundamental aim is to achieve a sustainable balance between environmental, social and economic issues. The policy is to monitor and regulate the factors that govern migration in the context of the overall population to ensure a balance between economic growth and the demand for and supply of labour, accommodation, infrastructure and resources of the Island and promote greater inclusion.

In accepting the amendment the Council of Ministers recognises that the original recommendations on policy have been amended by subsequent States decisions. It is now be appropriate to update the section on Population and if the States agrees a thorough review of all of the issues agreed in the migration strategy will be undertaken and presented for discussion.

The Council of Ministers are firmly of the view that it is better to embody sustainability objectives within the overarching Strategic plan than to have them contained in a separate, stand alone document.

Comments on the Appendix

The following table sets out the Recommended Policy Options from the report attached as an appendix to the amendment which are to be “updated, agreed and implemented”.

Water and Mineral Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Water Resources Law to be produced and agreed by the States in 2002 	Drafted and ready for debate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The promotion of an awareness raising campaign on the need to reduce water consumption 	Will follow adoption of Water Resources Law
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The on-going fiscal review, in liaison with the Jersey New Waterworks Company, to address the issue of fiscal measures to encourage the use of water meters 	Will follow adoption of Water Resources Law
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To regularly review and update local climate change predictions 	Delivered via British Irish Council Working Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The States to endorse the Jersey Mineral Strategy, 2000-2020, prepared by the Planning and Environment Committee, subject to the resolution of the potential traffic problems 	To be revised and updated as part of Island Plan review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The adoption Island-wide of the glass collection scheme (for secondary aggregate use) already initiated by the St Helier Parish 	In progress

Energy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To complete the review of environmental functions, ensuring that the responsibilities for energy policy are 	Done

properly addressed in that review, in 2002	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the use of fiscal measures to achieve energy conservation goals is fully addressed in the on-going fiscal review 	Part of Energy Policy and Environmental tax proposals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All States departments to undertake an energy audit by the end of 2002 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve, in the public sector, a 2% per annum reduction in fuel consumption 	New post agreed in Property Holdings will address these
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Housing Committee, in partnership with the JEC and a private supplier, to establish a model house to demonstrate energy efficiency and the use of alternative energy sources 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish a small action group to foster initiatives to achieve real energy conservation gains 	Advisory Group established to advise on Energy Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish a Working Group to monitor, review and make recommendations with respect to the development of alternative energy sources 	Advisory Group established to advise on Energy Policy

Biodiversity and Countryside	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce the impacts of pollution, traffic and population 	State of Jersey Report 2005 updates this
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that biodiversity and countryside issues are fully integrated in the Island Plan in accordance with sustainability principles 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve States approval for, and the implementation of, the Biodiversity Strategy in 2002 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase understanding and awareness of the linkages between biodiversity and the wider countryside and its landscape 	Done via Countryside Renewal Scheme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To complete the review of environmental functions, addressing the issue of resource allocation, as a priority 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the outcomes of the review of the agriculture industry recognise, and respond to, its impacts on the environment 	Done, now fully integrated with Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfil the 1995 States Policy objective to produce an integrated coastal zone management strategy to safeguard the marine natural heritage 	Done and consultation phase complete

The Built Environment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the Island Plan Review adequately addresses the relevant key options generated in the consultation process 	Done, refine further in next review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To integrate into the sustainable transport policy measures to address traffic related problems in the built environment 	New Travel Transport Plan addresses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve States approval for an immigration policy 	Done

Pollution	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To complete and implement the review of environmental functions as a priority 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve States approval for a Water Resources Law in 2002 	Drafted and ready for debate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce a Code of Practice to set a duty of care 	Done

framework	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the Island's environmental monitoring programme to ensure its efficacy and appropriateness, and to establish, as a priority, an environmental database that meets the requirements of the Island's international commitments 	Done. State Of Jersey Report 2005 refers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve States approval for a sustainable waste management strategy that reflects the EU hierarchy, and requires any incinerator replacement(s) to be of the highest environmental standards, in 2002 	Solid Waste Strategy agreed by States Waste Law agreed by States
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve States approval for an air quality strategy as a priority 	In preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To actively pursue, in the on-going fiscal review, the use of fiscal measures as a means of encouraging environmental initiatives 	Fiscal Strategy includes a review of Environmental tax proposals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise awareness and understanding of pollution issues and solutions 	State Of Jersey Report 2005 plus Planet Jersey events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the adoption of EMS across States departments and the private sector 	Not a current priority

Traffic and Transport	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the Island Plan Review adequately addresses the issue of integrated transport and land use planning 	Done, will be updated in Island Plan review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote, through partnership with the private sector, a more effective public transport system 	Sustainable Travel Transport Plan addresses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The States to reaffirm its endorsement of the Sustainable Island Transport Policy agreed in 1999, and to provide the resources and political support to initiate actions 	Now superseded by Sustainable Travel Transport Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Finance and Economics Committee to adequately address in the Island's budget strategy the need to use fiscal measures to assist in the achievement of sustainable transport objectives 	Part of Environmental tax review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set targets and timescales for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that reflect global commitments 	Forms part of the Energy Policy work

Waste Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain States approval for the waste management strategy developed by Public Services in conjunction with Carl Bro, with particular regard to the recommendations of Fichtner and Babbie to achieve advanced recycling, and subject to the BPEO technical option 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise public awareness of their own roles in achieving waste management objectives 	Very good progress with recycling initiatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set recycling targets and timescales for their achievement 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work towards a co-ordinated and cohesive Island-wide waste collection service by 2010 	Remains an objective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Services Department to adopt the ISO 14001 EMS and encouragement to be given for its wider adoption in the private sector 	Not a current priority

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support the initiatives being proposed by the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee to decouple subsidies from production 	Delivered in Rural Economy Strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To appoint a consultant to fully appraise the potential for the use of crushed aggregate to replenish marine sediment levels 	Not progressed

Social Issues – Health, Law and Order, Education	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide funds that will promote the use of partnerships, especially with local NGO's to foster improved community equity and opportunity 	Within States Strategic Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support the establishment of a youth strategy with adequate political support 	Youth Council formed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The States to endorse and activate the proposed Community Relations Trust 	Within States Strategic Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the Finance and Economics Committee fully evaluate long term benefits when making decisions on short-term health costs 	Contained within Review of Health Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that building design recognises the need to provide flexibility for longer-term habitation of domestic dwellings 	Within States Strategic Plan and Island Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that urban planning includes the provision of well designed open space and other recreational elements 	Within Island Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that a Lifelong Learning Strategy is established as a priority 	Within States Strategic Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the school curriculum adapts to the educational demands of sustainability 	Core curriculum plus initiatives such as "Environment Week"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise awareness and understanding of the social, economic and environmental linkages that have a mutual impact on health, education and law and order 	State Of Jersey Report 2005

Social Issues – Housing Needs and Poverty	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The States to provide political and budgetary backing to the Planning and Environment and Housing Committees to address the housing issues identified in this and other recent surveys so that social inequalities are adequately addressed 	Fundamental outcome of the States Strategic Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage high density, high quality affordable housing which makes optimum use of the Island's urban areas 	Island Plan plus further objectives now of good design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the Finance and Economics Committee fully evaluate all long term benefits/costs when making decisions on short term housing costs 	Within current practice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that a Lifelong Learning Strategy is established as a priority 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise annual contributions to Overseas Aid to achieve, within five years, the requirement of the international norm agreed at the Earth Summit in 1992 	Not achieved but regularly debated in the States budget debate

Economy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop close links with local employers to ensure training and skill requirements are effectively identified 	Done

and subsequently improved	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that a Lifelong Learning Strategy is established as a priority 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage economic diversification that promotes less labour intensive activities 	Objectives within States Strategic Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To optimise opportunities for off-Island linkages that facilitate economic growth without people growth 	Current objective with examples such as fulfilment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide maximum support for the swift implementation of ICT initiatives 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a system of fiscal incentives to achieve these measures 	Economic Development have a range of support measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To complete as a priority the exercise being undertaken by both OXERA and Strathclyde University consultants to evaluate the economic consequences of different population scenarios 	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the collection, analysis and dissemination of timely, accurate and relevant data on which to base strategic decisions 	Very much improved statistics in place
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the polluter pays principle is adopted by business 	Embodied in the Waste Law and the Water Resources Law

Population	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree a level of population no higher than 89,000 	Not adopted. Economic Growth Plan sets a 1% increase in working population
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To evaluate and agree a series of measures designed to maintain a sustainable growth without population growth 	Outcome within the States Strategic Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a smart card system 	Not currently adopted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a means of monitoring population changes during inter-census periods 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that a Lifelong Learning Strategy is established as a priority 	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the States responds to the Clothier Report recommendations in a manner that fulfils internationally recognised principles of sustainability 	States Strategic Plan proposes changes to address the perceived democratic deficit and to engage the population

Governance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that the changes to the machinery of government fulfil the internationally recognised principles of sustainability 	States Strategic Plan proposes changes to address the perceived democratic deficit and to engage the population
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set up a Sustainability Steering Group drawn from participants of the SWGs 	No single group established but bodies such as the Jersey Environment Forum are in place
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain States approval for the adoption of the five sustainability principles set out in 3.5 above (4.7 in the main report) 	Not formally adopted but are implicit in the way policy is appointed

Awareness Raising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain States approval for an adequate budget to finance a 3 year programme of awareness raising and improving access to information 	Much greater access now via improved government websites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that freedom of information legislation is broadened to encompass the requirements of the Human 	To be implemented

Rights Act	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To engage in partnerships between the public, NGO and private sectors to raise awareness and fund such educational campaigns 	Being implemented in government departments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage the local Chamber of Commerce to adopt the ICC Business Charter for Sustainable Development 	Not implemented

Indicators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To adopt the above list of core sustainability indicators 	A more comprehensive set have been adopted in the State Of Jersey Report 2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set up a task force to produce the second tier indicator list which will serve to inform the States of progress with its sustainability strategy and inform future policy making 	A more comprehensive set have been adopted in the State Of Jersey Report 2005
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set up a task force to begin developing targets 	Targets established within State Of Jersey Report 2005