

STATES OF JERSEY



STATES STRATEGIC PLAN 2009 – 2014 (P.52/2009): SECOND AMENDMENT (P.52/2009 Amd.(2)) – COMMENTS

**Presented to the States on 29th May 2009
by the Council of Ministers**

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COMMENTS

(1) The Council opposes this Amendment.

The Council is absolutely committed to the work that is done by the Youth Service, and believes that it provides a comprehensive and valuable range of services to children and young people, including youth centres, Youth Enquiry Service, Prince's Trust, etc. These services are inclusive by their nature, and are aimed at all categories of young people, including people with Special Needs.

In the report accompanying her amendment, Deputy Pitman has argued that giving statutory status to the Youth Service would help to give it funding protection, but the Council does not agree with this view – even if the States should pass a Law to state that there should be a Youth Service, this doesn't mean that a certain level of funding or resources will be guaranteed. It should be pointed out that there are many other services provided by the States which are also generally accepted as being extremely valuable but do not have statutory status.

There is a further difficulty in this proposal, in that it would entail bringing a new Law to the States, and yet the States has agreed in the recent past that it should aim *'to reduce the burden of legislation'* ('Regulatory Reform, or 'Red Tape Reform').

(2) The Council accepts this Amendment.

This amendment is a 'how' rather than a 'what', and would therefore be more appropriate in the States Annual Business Plan or departmental business plan. In particular, the Council believes that the reference to the inclusion in PSHE is too detailed for a strategic document. However, the Council supports the specific reference to young people and will therefore accept the amendment.