STATES OF JERSEY



TRANSFERS BETWEEN HEADS OF EXPENDITURE UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCES (JERSEY) LAW 2019: ARTICLE 18 – 29TH NOVEMBER 2021

Presented to the States on 7th December 2021 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- | Depar | tment | | |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|----------|---|
| TR- Ref. | From – | To – | £ | Funding of – |
| 2021 - 0134 | Various Departmental Heads of Expenditure | General Reserve | £577,000 | Delivery of the 2021 'Fees and Charges' target as part of the rebalancing programme |
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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

To ensure the best possible value for money, and establish the fairest possible approach to charging and cost recovery, a fees and charges framework was developed to set out that charges for discretionary services will be set to fully recover their costs unless there is a specific decision or well-established reason to subsidise the service provision.

The framework provides guidance on:

- The setting of new charges and the context within which existing charges should be reviewed, including consultation and equality impact assessments, as required
- The Government's approach to cost recovery and the generation of income from charging for services
- The governance processes which must be followed to gain approval for services to be provided at subsidy whether this be a subsidy to all users or in the form of concessions for users meeting a clearly defined qualifying criteria.

The Rebalancing Programme, previously the Efficiencies Programme, has an overall target of £20m for 2021. Within this £20m, a target of £950,000 was agreed to come from increased income from new charges, and increased cost recovery of existing charged services, based on the initial implementation of the fees and charges framework.

The proposed allocation of the £950,000 was agreed with Accountable Officers in April 2021 and it is requested that Departmental Heads of Expenditure are reduced by £577,000 as per the breakdown in the table below. The General Reserve will increase by the same amount. The remaining £373,000 of the target will also be held within the General Reserve and not spent in 2021.

| Department | Agreed target (£) | |
|---|-------------------|--|
| OCE | 7,000 | |
| COO | 0 | |
| CYPES | 172,000 | |
| CLS | 52,000 | |
| IHE | 237,000 | |
| HCS | 0 | |
| JHA | 36,000 | |
| T&E | 9,000 | |
| SPPP | 7,000 | |
| JOA | 0 | |
| Non-Mins | 57,000 | |
| SA | 0 | |
| Total | 577,000 | |
| To be held within the General reserve and not spent in 2021 | 373,000 | |
| Total | 950,000 | |

This decision can be found on $\underline{www.gov.je}$ under the following Ministerial Decision references –

• MD-TR-2021-0134

which was signed on 29th November 2021.