

Senator Sam Mézec Minister for Children and Housing BY EMAIL

21st August 2019

Dear Minister

## **Government Plan 2020**

I write to confirm that the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel has agreed to undertake a Scrutiny Review in relation to the above. We have recently agreed Terms of Reference for this review, which are as follows:

- 1. Note that sections/projects of the Government Plan will be allocated to Panels by the Government Plan Review Panel (GPRP) on a 'best fit' basis<sup>1</sup>.
- 2. Undertake an in-depth review of the allocated sections/projects of the Government Plan 2020, considering:
  - Whether funded projects meet the Ongoing Initiatives, Common Themes and, ultimately, Common Strategic Priorities?
  - Ensuring that the projects and amendments to be lodged are consistent with the requirements of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 201-.
  - The level of resourcing, of all forms, allocated to projects and whether this is sufficient to enable the project meet its stated aims.
  - If project resource allocation is appropriate in relation to overall departmental budgets?
  - Whether funded projects align with Departmental objectives? [NB: if and where they exist]
  - Whether or not there are clear lines of accountability for each project?
  - The ongoing sustainability of projects.
- 3. Provide the GPRP with a report and any amendments by the date agreed.

The Government Plan Review Panel, made up of all the Scrutiny chair-persons, is co-ordinating the review and has allocated the following projects, capital projects and actions specified in the Plan to the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Projects will not directly align with Scrutiny Panels and most will involve multiple ministerial portfolios. Rather than split out projects into elements amongst various Panels, each project will be scrutinised in its entirety by a single Panel.

## **PROJECTS**

Project	Reference	Minister
Housing PDB and long term plan	CSP4-2-01	Children and Housing
Tenants' rights	CSP4-2-02	Children and Housing
Climate emergency fund	CSP5-1-01	Environment (Lead) and Infrastructure
Assessment of public	CSP5-2-01	Environment (Lead) and Infrastructure
infrastructure and resources		v v
Countryside access	CSP5-2-02	Environment (Lead) and Infrastructure
Jersey National Park	CSP5-2-03	Economic Development (Lead) and
		Environment
Island Plan review	CSP5-3-01	Environment
Government House	OI-Non-02	Non-ministerial / Minister for Infrastructure
refurbishment		involvement?

## **ACTIONS**

Action	Minister	
Island Infrastructure Fund	Infrastructure / Chief Minister / Treasury	
Further education campus	Education / Infrastructure	
St Helier urban environment	Infrastructure / Environment	
Publish the Housing Policy Development Board's review	Children and Housing	
Improve support and protection of tenants	Children and Housing	
Extend the key worker accommodation scheme	Children and Housing	
Tackle the climate emergency	Environment / Treasury	
Develop a new Sustainable Transport Plan	Infrastructure	
Fully design and propose changes to how we price and cost pollution	Environment / Treasury	
Review our public infrastructure and natural resources	Infrastructure / Environment	
Enhance environmental protection	Environment	
Improve countryside access	Environment	
Develop the draft Island Plan 2020-23	Environment	
Produce a Shoreline Management Plan	Infrastructure / Environment	
Improve the Island public infrastructure	Infrastructure	
Enhance the St Helier urban environment	Infrastructure	
Publish a new Island Plan for the period 2021-30	Environment	

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Programme	CSP	Minister
Pre-feasibility vote		
Jersey Instrumental Music Service premises	1	Infrastructure / Education
VCP replacement school	1	Infrastructure / Education
North of St Helier Youth Centre	1	Infrastructure / Education
Le Squez Youth Centre/Community Hubs	1	Infrastructure / Education
Rouge Bouillon site review	1	Infrastructure / Home Affairs / Children and Housing

Mont a l'Abbe secondary school	1	Infrastructure / Education
Review of Greenfields		Infrastructure / Education
Piquet House – Family Court		Non Ministerial /Minister for
to the production of the contradiction of the contr	-	Infrastructure involvement?
Further education campus	3	Infrastructure / Education
Infrastructure funding		Infrastructure
Infrastructure including the Rolling Vote	014	- minastracture
Rolling Vote		Infrastructure
	5	Infrastructure
Sewage Treatment Works (existing major project)		Illiastructure
Drainage Foul Sewer extensions	5	Infrastructure
STW odour mitigation (P.115/2017)		Infrastructure
Bellozanne STW outfall rehabilitation		Infrastructure
First Tower Pumping Station upgrade		Infrastructure
Inert waste site feasibility		Infrastructure
La Collette Waste Site development	5	Infrastructure
Island public realm, including St Helier		Infrastructure
Replacement assets		
Refit and replacement of Fisheries protection	5	Infrastructure / Environment
vessel and auxiliary vessels		
Replacement assets and minor capital	5	Infrastructure
Estates including new schools		
Jersey Instrumental Music Service premises	1	Infrastructure / Education
VCP replacement School	1	Infrastructure / Education
Le Squez Youth Centre/Community Hubs		Infrastructure / Education
North of St Helier Youth Centre	1	Infrastructure / Education
St Aubin Fort upgrade	1	Infrastructure / Education
Mont a l'Abbe secondary school	1	Infrastructure / Education
Review of Greenfields	1	Infrastructure / Education
Elizabeth Castle development	5	Infrastructure
Vehicle Testing Centre (major project)	5	Infrastructure
Prison Improvement Works – Phase 6b	2	Infrastructure / Home Affairs
Prison Phase 7	2	Infrastructure / Home Affairs
Prison Phase 8	2	Infrastructure / Home Affairs
Conversion Courtroom 1 Magistrates Court	2	Infrastructure / Home Affairs
Dewberry House SARC		Infrastructure / Home Affairs
Piquet House – Family Court		Infrastructure / Home Affairs
Five Oaks refurbishment		Infrastructure / Health
Rouge Bouillon Site review outcome		Infrastructure / Home Affairs
Jersey Fleet Management		Infrastructure
Jersey Car Parking	5	Infrastructure

We would be grateful if you could arrange to have sent **all supporting information** relating to each of these projects/actions/capital projects which either fall under your remit as lead Minister, or any you have had involvement with. Supporting information includes, but is not limited to: **full** business cases; Council of Ministers papers; and details of any stakeholder organisations involved in the development of each project. Other specific questions we have at this stage are:

i) Where applicable, what is the 2019 spend for each project?

ii) Do any of the projects/actions/capital projects noted above require any additional human resource expenditure?

If you could please arrange to send this information to our Scrutiny Officer within the next 5 working days. If this timescale poses any issues, please let us know.

We would also be grateful if you could advise whether there is crossover with any other Minister which has not been identified, as per the above tables, particularly for the capital projects where there is no ministerial lead specified in the Plan.

We look forward to meeting with you on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for the scheduled public review hearing.

We would be happy to address any questions you may have about our work. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Vice-Chairman

Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel