

STATES OF JERSEY



STATES STRATEGIC PLAN 2009 – 2014 (P.52/2009): SIXTH AMENDMENT (P.52/2009 AMD.(6)) – AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 26th May 2009
by the Council of Ministers

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In Amendment (6), after the words “insert a new Priority 16 as follows -”, for the inserted new Priority 16 substitute the following new Priority 16 –

“16. Support the development of arts and heritage in Jersey

Whilst one function of Heritage is to protect, conserve and explain our community’s past for the education and enjoyment of future generations, the arts are a living expression of a community’s vibrant present. The Arts can be enlightening, thought provoking, entertaining, disturbing, challenging and sometimes controversial but they should be valued for all these qualities. The role of government is not to direct or control creative expression but to support it in all its forms.

Why we must do this:

- Arts, heritage and culture are central to the life of the community
- Creative endeavour has been, and always will be critical to the Island’s development and it is for government to establish the environment in which such activity can thrive
- We need to preserve, enhance and promote our rich heritage.

What we will do:

- Implement, monitor and review the cultural strategy
- Continue to support the work of the Jersey Heritage Trust and other organisations responsible for the Island’s arts and heritage
- Champion the development of creative expression and awareness of our heritage through schools, youth groups, adult education, and partnership arrangements with voluntary organisations
- Encourage all States departments to consider the impact on heritage and opportunities for the development of the arts in carrying out their day – to – day business.

Key indicators:

To be developed by Education Sport and Culture.”

and make a consequential amendment in Priority 15 on page 32, in the section “What we will do”, by deleting the words “and rich heritage” from the first bullet point.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

REPORT

The Council of Ministers accepts part (1)(d) and (6) of the amendments of the Connétable of St. Helier, and notes this would result in the addition of a new priority in the States Strategic Plan which would relate to Priority no. 15 ('Protect our unique culture and identity') but would be specifically concerned with the arts and heritage.

In order that this additional priority can be given similar weight to the other 15 priorities in the Strategic Plan, the Council proposes that it should be presented in a similar format. A supporting text has therefore been prepared for this additional priority, in line with the format adopted for the others in the Plan, together with an explanation of 'why we must do this' and an expanded list of 'what we will do' in order to give effect to this priority.

In consequence of accepting amendment 6(6), the reference to heritage under Priority 15 is transferred to the new priority 16.

There are no additional financial or manpower implications.