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STATES STRATEGIC PLAN 2005 TO 2010 (P.81/2004): AMENDMENT

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At the end of the proposition, after the words “of the Appendix” insert the words –

“except that, in Strategic Aim Three ‘To Enhance Quality of Life’, after Section 3.5 there shall be inserted the following new Section 3.6 –

3.6 Develop proactive policies to include people with disabilities into Island life

The States will:

	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Strategic Partners	Success Indicators
Develop policies that provide greater opportunities for people with disabilities to remain socially and economically active.	2005	Employment and Social Security	Health and Social Services Housing Education Sport and Culture Economic Development	An increase in the proportion of people with disabilities participating in Jersey society More economically active people with disabilities.
Develop policies to ensure that States planning and resource priorities reflect the needs of people with disabilities together with their families and carers	2005	Health and Social Services	Employment and Social Security Education Sport and Culture Environment and Public Services Housing	An increase in the availability of suitably designed and supported housing. An increase in the number of people with disabilities able to remain in

				<p>their own home.</p> <p>An increase in the availability of respite and support services.</p>
<p>Ensure the built and natural environment is enhanced to provide accessibility to all people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Environment and Public Services</p>	<p>All Committees</p>	<p>All new and where practical old public buildings are accessible to all.</p> <p>An increased accessibility to the natural environment</p> <p>An increase in the availability of homes, which are designed as "Homes for Life"</p>

and subsequent Sections be renumbered accordingly”.

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REPORT

As a general principle, I believe that as far as possible people with disabilities should be able to be a part of our community without the need for special consideration and that support, services and infrastructure should be provided on the basis of need and without question.

On reading the Strategic Plan I recognise that in Strategic Aim Three: “To Enhance Quality of Life”: Section 3.1 “Access to Services”, there is a Success Indicator “Improved Access for the disabled”. Whilst this inclusion is welcome and deserves members’ support, it is fairly limited in recognising the needs of people with disabilities.

Recognising that, Strategic Aim Three does have a specific Section 3.4 “Plan for a ‘long life’ society” and there is also the Strategic Aim Five: “To invest in Jersey’s Youth”. Both of these aims are devoted to specific sections of our Island community, which of course should be supported.

I believe that there is a requirement to promote an awareness of the needs of another significant proportion of our Island community, that being people with disabilities together with their families and carers. I therefore propose that there be a specific section within the States Strategic Plan 2005-2010, which recognises and proposes a way to meet their needs.

Financial and manpower implications

As with the report and proposition itself, the financial and manpower resource implications will need to be assessed and prioritised.