STATES OF JERSEY



TRANSFERS BETWEEN HEADS OF EXPENDITURE UNDER THE PUBLIC FINANCES (JERSEY) LAW 2019: ARTICLE 18 – 24TH MARCH 2021

Presented to the States on 26th March 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, having consulted with any relevant Minister under Article 18(5) of the Law, hereby notifies the States, that she has agreed to the following -

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From –	То –	£	Funding of –
General Reserve	Reserve for Centrally Held Items	60,000	Revenue Consequences of Capital Schemes
Infrastructure, Housing and Environment	Health and Community Services	3,250,000	Replacement Assets head of expenditure
	From – General Reserve Infrastructure, Housing and	From –To –Reserve for Centrally Held ItemsInfrastructure, Housing andHealth and Community	From –To –£Reserve for Centrally Held Items60,000Infrastructure, Housing andHealth and Community

Transfers between Heads of Expenditure under Article 18 of the Law

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 Variations to the Government Plan 2021-2024

1. Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister to approve variations to heads of expenditure listed in the Government Plan 2021-2024.

2. Background

This decision will approve variations to heads of expenditure listed in the Government Plan 2021-2024.

The decision approves the transfer $\pounds 60,000$ for ring-fenced purposes i.e. Revenue Consequences of Capital Schemes and therefore should be held within the Reserve for Centrally Held Items head of expenditure (C10GP20020) and not the General Reserve head of expenditure (C10GP20021).

The decision allows the Minister to note that the Proposition allocated £3,250,000 to Infrastructure, Housing and Environment for the Replacement Assets head of expenditure. This is to be allocated for accountability purposes to Health and Community Services as per the Accountable Officer Responsibilities letters issued by the Principal Accountable Officer.

3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the transfer of $\pounds 60,000$ for Revenue Consequences of Capital Schemes from the General Reserve to the Reserve for Centrally Held Items.

The Minister is recommended to note that the approval of $\pounds 3,250,000$ for the Replacement Assets head of expenditure allocated to Infrastructure, Housing and Environment in the proposition is to be allocated to Health and Community Services as per the Accountable Officer Responsibilities letters issued by the Principal Accountable Officer.

4. Reasons for Decision

Article 18(1)(a) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that a specified amount appropriated for one head of expenditure may, with the approval of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, be used for the purposes of another head of expenditure that is set out in the government plan.

Article 18(4) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the Minister shall give the States Assembly at least 4 weeks' notice before an amount is transferred under paragraph (1)(a).

Article 18(5) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that if a direction under this Article would affect a head of expenditure that relates to the responsibilities of any Minister, that Minister must be consulted before the direction is made. The Minister for Treasury and Resources is the responsible Minister for these heads of expenditure.

5. Resource Implications

The General Reserve head of expenditure to decrease by up to £60,000 and the Reserve for Centrally Held Items (Revenue Consequences of capital projects) to increase by an identical amount.

This does not change the total amount of expenditure proposed in the Government Plan 2021-2024.

Further information on these decisions can be found on <u>www.gov.je</u> under the following *Ministerial Decision references* –

• *MD-TR-2021-0029*

which were signed on 24th March 2021.