

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 – 2018 (P.27/2015): SIXTH AMENDMENT

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After the words “in the attached Appendix” insert the words –

“, except that on page 3 of the draft Plan in the fifth bullet point under the heading “Our Goals” after the words “development of skills” insert the words “, creativity and life-long learning”.”.

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REPORT

The focus on improving educational outcomes is welcome; however, as others have already commented, the relevant sections in this report are too narrowly focused on Education for the market and not the wider context or purpose of Education itself. The arguments are well-rehearsed; we want to create well-rounded individuals, who are able to contribute in society, not only economically, but socially, culturally and emotionally. So-called 'soft skills', will cover some of this, but the need for creativity and lifelong learning, I would argue, are equally critical if young people, growing into adulthood, are able to adapt to the changes and challenges that will invariably come their way as individuals, and our way as a small Island community.

Even looking at this from the narrow perspective of hard-nosed economics, for 'job-ready' graduates to remain employable, or entrepreneurial, in an increasingly complex and unpredictable market place, creativity and lifelong learning will be key assets when it comes to the needs of innovation, and re-skilling and ongoing professional training in the future.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications arising from this amendment.