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Dear Deputy Perchard

Population and Migration Policy Review

I have not been contacted by the Migration Policy Development Board as yet, but I understand they are only in the early stages, so this is understandable.

The Strategic Policy, Performance and Population (SP3) department is leading on developing the emerging population and migration policy, and a multidisciplinary team within Growth Housing and Environment have already begun to engage with SP3 to help develop and formulate policy. The GHE team has expertise which covers the many areas under my ministerial remit, which includes transport, coastal defences, energy, waste, public buildings, water and sewage etc.

Work has already started on looking at the carrying capacity of our infrastructure, to identify where we can reasonably accommodate any future population increases, and where we are likely to face challenges. We also need to consider, of course, the impact on our transport network, and congestion. There are technical challenges facing each of the areas I've mentioned above with a range of solutions which will need consideration once any future population and migration policy is known. At this moment in time we are trying to inform the Policy Development Board with the best evidence available so the impact of any policy to Islanders can be better understood.

I hope this provides you with sufficient information at this stage.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Lewis".

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