

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 – 2018 (P.27/2015): NINTH AMENDMENT (P.27/2015 Amd.(9)) – COMMENTS

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by the Council of Ministers**

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COMMENTS

- (1) The Strategic Plan as drafted includes a specific Key Area of Focus under 1.1, which states –

‘Develop a cross government approach to tackling and improving the wider determinants of health’.

The diagram below illustrates how individual determinants, including a person’s age, sex and hereditary factors, are nested within the wider determinants of health, which include lifestyle factors, social and community influences, living and working conditions and general socio-economic cultural and environmental conditions. It places people at the centre, but sets them within an ecosystem which includes the social, economic and environmental determinants of health.



The Council believes that the proposed amendment is unnecessary, given the commitment in the Draft Strategic Plan to tackle and improve **all** determinants of health across government. This implicitly includes environmental, as well as economic and social, determinants of the health and well-being of the people of Jersey.

Given this clarification, the Panel may wish to withdraw Amendment 9(1) on the basis that it duplicates an existing commitment. There is a risk that specific mention of environmental health determinants could give the impression that other domains (e.g. economic and societal factors) rank lower in importance.

Should the Panel be minded to pursue its Amendment, the Council will accept it on the basis that it has already committed to tackling and improving the environmental determinants of health, as part of an approach designed to ensure that the health and well-being of Islanders is taken into account during the development of **all** government strategies and policies.

- (2) The Council fully supports the principles of this Amendment in making it explicit that our children and young people should become environmentally aware, and is already committed to the key actions set out in the Amendment.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is not to rehearse activity that is already taking place, and it is important to acknowledge that environmental issues already form an important part of the school curriculum. All schools are participating in the Eco-Schools programme, which requires the integration of sustainability into the school curriculum. All schools are also required to meet minimum environmental performance on energy saving, water use, transport, and procurement; and to ensure their legal compliance with environmental legislation through, for example, the formulation of Pollution Prevention Plans. This amendment also helps reinforce the existing commitment to the communication of requirements of international environmental agreements to which Jersey is a signatory.

The Council of Ministers therefore accepts the Amendment

- (3) The Council supports the principle of sustainability and has committed in the Plan to develop a long-term plan which ensures that all aspects of Jersey's future sustainability are being addressed in a coherent way.

The Council therefore accepts the Amendment.

- (4) The substance of this amendment is already contained within existing States policy provided by the Island Plan; the Energy Plan; and the Sustainable Transport Plan.

The spatial strategy for the future growth of the Island is set out in the 2011 Island Plan: this focusses development in the existing built-up area, and St. Helier in particular, to ensure that we deliver the most sustainable pattern of development for Jersey. Environmental considerations are fundamental to this strategic approach which, amongst other things, ensures that the environmental quality of our coast and countryside can be protected and maintained; and enables more sustainable travel and transport choices.

Environmental quality and climate resilience is intrinsic to the future of St. Helier. A cross-thematic approach to master-planning is essential to success.

Spatial planning policy and building standards have a critical role to play in shaping the future of St. Helier, both in the short and long term. These are areas where we can make short-term gains which link to the vision and goals in the long-term strategic planning process, e.g. Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) as a planning condition (porous surfaces, greenspace, etc.), not putting services in basements (electricity meters, etc.), revised Building Bye-Laws

(BBLs) due in 2015 which will require significant energy efficiency improvements in new build and retrofit/refurbishment schemes.

These measures, which are already identified in existing policy frameworks, will start to build climate resilience into our existing and future built environment, as well as improving performance and efficiency of the building stock.

The Council therefore accepts the Amendment.

- (5) The Council believes that the substance of this Amendment is already contained within existing States policy which applies to all sectors across the whole Island.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is not to rehearse activity that is already taking place, so it is important to note that Pathway 2050: Energy Plan for Jersey, which was agreed by the States in May 2014 (P.38/2014), sets out a programme of energy demand management, in line with Jersey's Kyoto Protocol commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2050 against a 1990 baseline.

The Energy Executive, comprising Ministers for Planning and Environment, Transport and Technical Services, Economic Development and Social Security, provides a ministerial oversight on energy issues, including actions addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Energy Executive will be reporting progress on the Pathway 2050 Energy Plan to both the Council of Ministers and the Environment Housing and Technical Services Scrutiny Panel later in the year.

The Council therefore accepts the Amendment.