WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE BY DEPUTY L.K.F. STEPHENSON OF ST. MARY, ST. OUEN AND ST. PETER QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025

Question

"In relation to the development of a new town skatepark facility, will the Minister set out the proposed timetable including, but not limited to, the following –

- (a) the date a planning application is expected to be made;
- (b) when work could start;
- (c) the anticipated opening date for the new park; and
- (d) the budget for the proposed new facility and the source of funding?"

Answer

Work on a new town skatepark facility is progressing with stakeholder consultation ongoing at present. Stakeholder consultation will be concluded at the end of February and feedback incorporated into the proposals. Following this, the planning application will be prepared.

The planning application is expected to be submitted by the end of March. Assuming the application is considered a major application, it is expected to be determined by the end of June. The aim is to be ready to start construction as soon as possible thereafter, subject to planning approval. Construction is expected to take four to five months with the facility opening in November or December based on the aforementioned timeline.

The budget for the proposed facility is £585,000 as per the Budget (Government Plan) 2025 - 2028 allocation. The intention is to bring the funding currently allocated in 2028 forward to 2025.