

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2010 (P.117/2009): SEVENTH AMENDMENT (P.117/2009 Amd.(7)) – COMMENTS

**Presented to the States on 21st September 2009
by the Council of Ministers**

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COMMENTS

The Council of Ministers opposes this amendment.

The Connétable of St. Helier proposes that the sum of £400,000 be transferred from the allocation for “backlog maintenance” to the Urban Regeneration Fund (URF).

The Council of Ministers recognises the need for additional funding to enable physical improvements to the Island’s built-up areas but considers that any projects of this nature to be carried out in 2010 should be presented to the Fiscal Stimulus Steering Group on an individual basis for consideration of funding from the Fiscal Stimulus fund.

The Minister for Planning and Environment would welcome additional funding to enable physical improvements to the Island’s built-up areas, but acknowledges that there are higher priorities for expenditure in the proposed States Capital programme in particular “back log” maintenance of States premises. Further deferred maintenance would accrue if this change in allocation of capital funds were to be approved.

Our objective is that funding for future urban renewal projects, such as the “Street Life” programme, will come through master-plans produced under the regeneration policies in the draft Island Plan, which will be published for consultation on 30th September. For example, the draft masterplan for the North of Town, if approved, will deliver the Town Park at Gas Place, a further public square at Ann Court, and the improvement of Bath Street and David Place from Beresford Street to Val Plaisant, from the proceeds of related development.

Financial impact

The Financial impact on the Consolidated Fund is neutral if the additional funding of £400,000 for Urban Regeneration in 2010 is met from the Stabilization Fund as proposed above. Reducing the allocation for “backlog maintenance” as proposed by the Connétable will exacerbate the current maintenance problems.