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Chair
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel

By Email

16th December 2024

Dear Chair

RE: Follow-up questions from the Quarterly Public Hearing on 20 November 2024

Thank you for your letter dated 28th November, following up from the Quarterly Public Hearing on 20th November.

I have addressed the points of your letter below. The Panel's questions in respect of the Bus Operator Contract will be supplied in confidence under separate cover. I apologise for the delay in submitting this response.

Fort Regent

I understand that the States of Jersey Development Company ("SoJDC") are intending to move the soft play facility to the Arcadia area of the Waterfront. This is, however, a commercial decision and has yet to be confirmed. SoJDC have allocated a budget of £1.5M for this move. I am advised, at this stage, that the detailed commercial plan and actual costings have not yet been confirmed.

Funds for the decant of the Fort to Oakfield were directed at sports activities and are committed. The soft play area is a vital facility, but it could not be accommodated at Oakfield so an alternative location was required, which SoJDC agreed to fund following a request from the Regeneration Steering Group. For my part, I believe a central town location for this facility is preferable.

All activities in the table, with the exception of; 3) Funding Decision; and 10) Funding Provided; will be coordinated by SoJDC.

Jersey Property Holdings

For capital projects, the property team conforms with the Government directed procurement process described in the Public Finance Manual and in accordance with the Procurement Best Practice Procedures. This includes putting contracts out to tender in the circumstances set out by Commercial Services, unless an exemption has been requested and approved.

Value for money is a key and central consideration under the heads of expenditure we are responsible for. Preference is given to existing purchasing frameworks where suppliers have signed up to a Master Service Agreement (MSA) that ensures adherence to Government Standard Terms and Conditions.

Additionally, for small and maintenance works there is a pre-approved contractor framework designed to streamline the process of procuring Facilities Management (FM) services for all Government departments.

The purpose of this is to optimise spending on Small Works, Maintenance, and Minor Capital works, while managing commercial and contractual risks.

The options are to:

- Place a Direct Award: Suitable for projects under £50,000, urgent services, and standard terms and conditions.
- Mini-Competition: Applicable for projects between £50,000 and £300,000, both urgent and non-urgent, and standard terms and conditions. Suppliers are given at least 5 working days to respond to a Mini-Competition invitation (Jersey Property Holdings would typically allow 3 to 4 weeks for a tender).

Open Tender

If needs are more complex and there is no suitable candidate within the Small Works & Maintenance Framework, or the works are expected to be of a value over £300,000.00p, opportunities will be released via the Government of Jersey tender portal to ensure visibility and transparency in accordance with the Public Finance Manual.

Sourcing Routes

Expenditure Under £1,000:

- Simple purchases requiring one quote.
- Use the ePortal for quote requests.
- Evaluate quotes and conduct supplier due diligence.
- Raise a purchase order.

Expenditure from £1,000 - £25,000:

- Requires at least one quote.
- Use the ePortal for quote requests.
- Evaluate quotes using weighted criteria and conduct supplier due diligence.
- Raise a purchase order.

Expenditure from £25,001 - £100,000:

- Prepare a project brief.
- Obtain at least three quotes.
- Complete a Tender Report documenting the evaluation process.
- Raise a purchase order.

Expenditure from £100,001 & Above:

- Prepare a procurement strategy (Commercial Services to approve).
- Advertise the procurement on the ePortal.
- Issue an Invitation to Tender (ITT) with clear instructions and timelines.
- Evaluate tenders based on best value for money.

- Complete appointment based on Tender Analysis.
- Raise a purchase order.

Liquid Waste

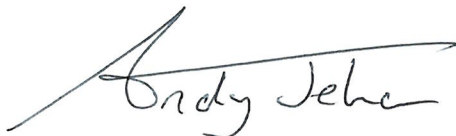
The cost of the repairs to the bursts in the First Tower rising mains over the last two years has been £147,446.00. As this asset was in such poor condition, the capital programme was re-prioritised so the rising mains could be relined in 2024 as emergency works to prevent any further bursts. The costs of the relining was £1.34 million.

Recycling and Food Waste

1. The Solid Waste team are working on updating the Solid Waste Strategy with the intention of having it ready for approval by the end of Q2 2025. The Strategy will identify stages required to provide a unified recycling framework for the Island.
2. Given the reprioritisation of workload and current resource availability, the Circular Economy Strategy workstream is currently on pause.
3. Engagement has commenced with all Parishes, individually and through the Comité des Connétables to understand specific and general operational issues. The feedback from the three Parishes without a current kerbside recycling scheme is that two of them cannot find a contractor to provide the service and the other is yet to hold a public vote (expecting to take place at a Parish Assembly) on the introduction of a service.
4. The future framework for the Islands' service will likely follow the position that service provision is kept at the Parochial level with Government setting the high-level requirements. Previous reviews have looked at Island wide services provided by Government.
5. The Climate Change engagement team runs a number of initiatives and campaigns to encourage behaviour change and reduce food waste, including subsidised domestic food waste composters and the Not a Load of Rubbish waste reduction campaign. Food waste recycling would ideally require all Parishes to provide kerbside recycling services to make an Island wide service viable.

I hope this information is helpful to the Panel. If there is any further information required, then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely



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