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Deputy Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

23rd September 2025

Dear Chief Minister

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Review

I write to inform you that the Corporate Services Panel has agreed to undertake a review of the Proposed Budget 2026-2029 [[P.70/2025](#)]. Attached to this letter are the Terms of Reference for the Panel's review as well as a list of the revenue expenditure growth and capital and other projects allocated to the Panel's remit.

We intend to begin our work immediately and have scheduled public hearings with you and the Minister for Treasury and Resources to be held in October 2025. To inform our review, we will also be seeking the views of industry professionals, the general public, Jersey's youth and intend to engage an advisor to provide technical expertise.

We note that the published Departmental Business Plans for 2025 have been drafted to cover the remainder of this Government term. However, for the workstreams in your remit, where any key supporting documentation has not yet been shared with the Panel or has changed, we request to receive this updated information without delay. Specifically the Panel requests the following information in respect of your ministerial portfolio:

- Progress reporting on the projects and/or workstreams agreed by the States Assembly as part of the Government Plan 2025-28 including:
 - Where these are continuing in 2026
 - Where these have been delayed and the rationale for this
 - Where these have been cancelled and the rationale for this
- An outline of any changes in policy direction or delivery for 2026 and the impact thereof
- An outline of any changes to staff posts and restructuring within your department and the anticipated resultant savings and impact on service delivery
- An update on the efficiencies and other savings for the Cabinet Office to be delivered in 2025 and how these were achieved
- A progress update on the review of a Public Services Ombudsperson/complaints mechanism workstream, a copy of the proposals considered by the Council of Ministers and detail on where funding is allocated within the Proposed Budget 2026.

We would be grateful to receive this information by a formal response no later than **30th September 2025**. Please be advised that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

We hope that the evidence we gather, and our final output will help inform the work of Government for the Proposed Budget 2026-2029. I would be happy to address any questions you may have regarding the Panel's work for this review.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lucy', with a stylized, flowing script.

Deputy Lucy Stephenson

Vice-Chair
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2026 – 2029 Review
Terms of Reference
Corporate Services Panel

1. To review components of the Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Proposition [[P.70/2025](#)] which are relevant to the Corporate Services Panel to determine the following:
 - a) The impact of the Budget proposals on departmental budgets, savings and staffing levels.
 - b) Whether the revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects are appropriate and likely to have a positive impact on Islanders and Island life.
 - c) How the proposed revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects align with the Common Strategic Policy to deliver on the priorities, and in line with the Departments' Business Plans.
 - d) Whether the resources allocated to revenue expenditure growth and capital and other projects are sufficient, ensure value for money and demonstrate the best use of public funds.
2. To assess the impact of the Budget proposals on the States Funds relevant to the Corporate Services Panel including the Consolidated Fund, Strategic Reserve Fund Stabilisation Fund and Jersey Capital Investment Fund.
3. To assess the Budget and its impact relative to:

Design, Implementation and Sustainability

- Sustainable wellbeing with consideration for the Common Strategic Policy, Future Jersey Vision, Jersey Performance Framework, Island Outcomes and Investing in Jersey 2026-2050.
- Gender-responsive budgeting.

Financial Strategy, General Revenue Income and Public Sector Spending

- The economic and fiscal context and forecasts.
- The proposals for income and expenditure.

Balance Sheet and States Funds

- The governance and use of States Funds (with specific focus on the Consolidated Fund, Strategic Reserve Fund, Stabilisation Fund and Jersey Capital Investment Fund).
- The purpose, structure and implementation of the new Jersey Capital Investment Fund.
- The governance and use of Reserves and contingency funding including any other non-routine use of Reserves.
- Borrowing, debt management, investing, reprioritisation and rebalancing of Government finances.
- Savings and the delivery thereof
- Long-term financial sustainability. With consideration for the proposed medium to long-term investment strategy and use of the Jersey Capital Investment Fund (Investing in Jersey 2026-2050).

Below is a compiled list of all revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects which have been assigned to the Corporate Services Panel for consideration to review:

Budget 2026-29: Revenue Expenditure Growth for Review

Expenditure Growth Allocations							
£'000			2026	2027	2028	2029	
Treasury & Exchequer	I-T&E-B26-001	Pillar 2 Tax Team	1,748	2,998	2,680	2,685	CSSP
Bailiffs Chamber	I-BAC-B26-001	Judicial Remuneration Review	122	122	122	122	CSSP
Bailiffs Chamber	I-BAC-B26-003	Civic and National Events	60	60	60	60	CSSP
Comptroller&Auditor	I-CAG-B26-001	Contractual Inflation	-	-	-	42	CSSP
Judicial Greffe	I-JUG-B26-002	Election 2026	269	-	-	-	CSSP
Probation	I-PRO-B26-001	Probation Service Inspection	-	65	-	-	CSSP
States Assembly	I-STA-B26-001	Loss of Office Compensation	200	-	-	-	CSSP

*Some of these are non-ministerial, however, would be for the Panel to consider, should it wish to review them.

Budget 2026-29: Capital and Other Projects for Review

Information Technology									
Project		Spon	Supp	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Total £'000		Dept	Dept	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate		
10,621	Cyber Programme 2.0	DS	DS	3,714	3,943	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
13,000	IT Infrastructure Improvement Programme	DS	DS	6,000	3,399	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
2,205	Digital Government Platform	DS	DS	600	-	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
10,531	Revenue Transformation Programme (Phase 3)	T&E	T&E	1,108	-	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
10,168	Revenue Transformation Programme (Phase 4)	T&E	T&E	3,322	3,069	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
11,210	Pillar 2 Infrastructure	T&E	T&E	5,350	3,400	350	350	CSSP	Additional
4,191	Court Digitisation	JUG	JUG	220	-	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
650	Replacement LC-MS System	OAN	OAN	650	-	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
756	Probation/Prison Offender Case Management	PRO	PRO	425	120	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
747	Automatic Electoral Registration	STA	DS	135	45	-	-	CSSP	Continuing
Replacement Assets and Minor Capital									
Project		Spon	Supp	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Total £'000		Dept	Dept	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate		
-	Replacement Assets and Minor Capital - DS	DS	DS	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	CSSP	Continuing

Major Projects						
	Spon	Supp	Previous	Total Project		
£'000	Dept	Dept	Total	Approval	Change	
Revenue Transformation Programme (Phase 3)	T&E	T&E	9,425	10,531	1,106	CSSP
Revenue Transformation Programme (Phase 4)	T&E	T&E	11,274	10,168	(1,106)	CSSP
Cyber Programme 2.0	DS	DS	10,621	10,621	-	CSSP
Pillar 2 Infrastructure	T&E	T&E	4,360	11,210	6,850	CSSP

Other Projects						
	Spon	Supp	Previous	Total Project		
£'000	Dept	Dept	Total	Approval	Change	
Digital Government Platform	DS	DS	1,800	2,205	405	CSSP
Court Digitisation	JUG	JUG	4,017	4,191	174	CSSP
Replacement LC-MS System	OAN	OAN	650	650	-	CSSP
Automatic Electoral Registration	STA	DS	974	747	(227)	CSSP

Rolling Votes						
	Spon	Supp	2025	2026		
£'000	Dept	Dept	Approval	Approval	Change	
Replacement Assets and Minor Capital - DS	DS	DS	2,500	2,500	-	CSSP