

PARISH OF GROUVILLE

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Questions – Financial oversight of the Parish

1. Can you provide a summary of the process for allocating funds within the parish, and who is involved in the decision-making process?

Any request for funding will be made to the Connétable and Procureurs (The Senior Management Team - SMT). The SMT will consider the request to establish if it has already been allowed for in the Estimates or it is for a new project. All funding must be approved by the SMT collectively in accordance with the Parish Procurement Policy

2. How are different spending needs prioritised within the parish when allocating funds?

The Parish Estimates are set at the beginning of the financial year and most spending will fall within those categories. Any unexpected expense will be discussed by the SMT and prioritised as to urgency or necessity.

3. Are there specific criteria or guidelines used to assess which projects or initiatives receive funding?

The SMT will assess each project or initiative as to necessity and urgency.

4. How does the parish ensure that funds are allocated in a way that benefits parishioners?

The SMT will ensure that all funds are allocated as directed at a Parish Assembly. Any ad hoc requests within the Procurement policy will be given due consideration as to the benefit to the ratepayer.

5. What role does the Parish Assembly play in the decision-making process for fund allocation?

The process for allocating funds etc. is made by the Parish Assembly when setting the budget and agreeing the parish rate.

6. Do the Procureurs consider government strategies when making decisions about fund allocation? If so, which strategies are taken into account?

Fund allocation is as per the budget set by the Parish Assembly. The Procureurs "Carry out the lawful instructions/decisions of the Parish Assembly or officers in relation to the use and application of funds and resources, even if disagreeing with their wisdom ..." as above (see re Grouville (Procureurs du Bien Public) (1970) JJ 1451).

7. How do the Procureurs ensure that parish funding is aligned with the broader objectives or goals of the government (e.g. putting children first, health prevention, carbon neutral roadmap, community safety)?

Where the Parish has a duty under specific legislation to deliver then this should be provided within the budget (e.g. as duty bearer under Children (Convention Rights) (Jersey) Law 2022, scheduled public authority under FOI/DP etc); this is different from 'government priorities or policies' which are States of Jersey strategies

8. Have there been any instances when government priorities or policies have directly influenced how parish funds are allocated?

See the response above to question 7.

9. How do the Procureurs coordinate with the government when their priorities or policies overlap with parish spending?

There have been no instances to date where the Procureurs have had to coordinate with the Government and the Procureurs are unsure if this question is relevant to the Parish of Grouville. Please could further explanation be provided.

10. Is there a formal or informal process for consulting with the government before making significant financial decisions or allocating funds for projects that could overlap with government policy?

See the response to question 9.

11. Do the Procureurs assess the potential impact of funded projects on the local community?

Allocation of funds e.g. charitable grants is as per the Parish Assembly decision/budget.

12. Do the Procureurs allocate funds based on the needs or demands of specific groups within the parish, such as youth services, the elderly, or businesses?

See the response above for question 11.

Each request for funding is given due consideration but generally we would expect autonomous groups to self-fund. The Parish supports the Youth Club and makes an annual donation to the Jersey Association of Charities.

13. How do the Procureurs monitor and track the spending of allocated funds to ensure accountability and prevent overspending or misallocation?

All Parish spending is reviewed regularly through reports. Funds allocated and sent to charities are not then monitored by the Parish once the funds have reached the Charities account.

14. Are there any external audits or reviews of the parish's finances to ensure transparency and responsible management of public funds?

Our accounts are independently and professionally audited to ensure transparency. Audited accounts have to be presented to the Parish Assembly by Law (Rates Law Article 21) before setting the parish rate for the year.

15. How do the Procureurs/parishes manage any surplus or deficit funds?

Surplus/deficit is factored into the following year budget, see Article 21(3) of the Rates Law.

16. What types of projects or initiatives typically receive the most funding?

This would be for refuse and the maintenance of Parish Roads and properties.

17. How does the parish handle requests for funding from local organisations or groups, and what criteria are used to assess these requests?

Requests for funding – as per Q11/12 above and charitable grants. Grants are listed in the annual accounts which are published on the parish website. The Rates Assembly approves the budget.

18. How do the parishes ensure transparency in the fund allocation process? Is there a public facing report or summary of how funds have been allocated and spent?

See the response above to question 17.

19. How are decisions communicated to parishioners of how their contributions are being used?

See the response above to question 17.

20. Is there a mechanism for parishioners to raise concerns or questions about fund allocation decisions?

Parishioners raise concerns at Parish Assembly/ies or directly with the Connétable. We also hold regular Parish Clinics.

21. How does the parish ensure that allocated funds are spent as intended, and are there any measures in place to prevent misuse?

As per earlier questions, see the Procureurs duty on use/application of funds, the Parish Assembly approves the budget, accounts are audited and published etc.

22. Is there any joint funding or shared investment in projects between the parish and the government? If so, can you provide some examples?

No.

Senior Procureur du Bien Public

Procureur du Bien Public:

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