STATES OF JERSEY

PROPOSED BUDGET 2027-2030 (P.73/2026): SEVENTH AMENDMENT

COMPLETING THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF HALKETT STREET

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (d) –

After the words "set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 4 and 5 of the Report" insert the words ", except that in Summary Table 5 the line entitled Public Realm should be increased by £300,000 and the line entitled Capital Reserve should be reduced by £300,000".

2 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (l) –

After the words "the Appendix to the accompanying Report" insert the words –

", except that,

(i) on page 58, within Table 15, £300,000 should be transferred from the 2027 estimate for the Capital Reserve to the 2027 estimate for the line entitled "Rolling votes";

(ii) on page 67, within Table 29, the 2027 estimate for the line entitled "Public Realm" should be increased by £300,000, with the total adjusted accordingly;

(iii) on page 68 of the Report, within the paragraph headed "Public Realm", after the words "Investing in Jersey programme." there should be inserted the words –

"In 2027 Government will contribute £300,000 of public realm funding to enable improvements to the southern section of Halkett Street, extending the existing works towards Queen Street to complete the upgrade of the street begun at the northern end in 2024. Improvements will support –

- pedestrian connectivity;
- the attractiveness and usability of the town centre;
- retail and hospitality activity; and
- appropriate alfresco activity.

The Parish of St. Helier will match Government funding for the improvements in line with the joint Government-Parish delivery and funding model used for the first phase of upgrading Halkett Street."".

CONNÉTABLE OF ST. HELIER

Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to receive the Budget 2027 – 2030 specified in Article 9(1) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 (the Law) and specifically –

(a) to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the General Revenue Fund in 2027 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 1 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and impôts duties changes outlined in the Budget, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law;

(b) to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the Jersey Capital Investment Fund in 2027 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and impôts duties changes outlined in the Budget, in line with Article 9(2)(b) of the Law;

(c) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for 2027, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(c), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 3 of the Report;

(d) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Jersey Capital Investment Fund for 2027, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(d), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 4 and 5 of the Report, except that in Summary Table 5 the line entitled Public Realm should be increased by £300,000 and the line entitled Capital Reserve should be reduced by £300,000;

(e) to approve the transfers from one States fund to another for 2027 of up to and including the amounts set in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 6 in line with Article 9(2)(e) of the Law;

(f) to approve the proposed Changes to Approval for financing/borrowing for 2027, as shown in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 7 to the Report, which may be obtained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as and when required, in line with Article 9 (2)(f) of the Law, of up to those revised approval amounts;

(g) to approve for each project that is to be started in 2027 and that has not previously been set out in an approved Budget, the total cost of each such project, in line with Article 9(2)(g), and (h) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report;

(h) to approve any amendments to the proposed total cost for each project that has previously been approved in a Budget, in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report;

(i) to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading

fund in 2027 in line with Article 9(2)(j) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 9 to the Report;

(j) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation's trading fund for 2027 for each head of expenditure in line with Article 9(2)(k) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 10 to the Report;

(k) to approve the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2027, in line with the terms of reference for the Fund in Government Plan 2020 - 2023 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 11 to the Report; and

(l) to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Budget 2027-2030, as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report, except that,

(i) on page 58, within Table 15, £300,000 should be transferred from the 2027 estimate for the Capital Reserve to the 2027 estimate for the line entitled "Rolling votes";

(ii) on page 67, within Table 29, the 2027 estimate for the line entitled "Public Realm" should be increased by £300,000, with the total adjusted accordingly;

(iii) on page 68 of the Report, within the paragraph headed "Public Realm", after the words "Investing in Jersey programme." there should be inserted the words –

"In 2027 Government will contribute £300,000 of public realm funding to enable improvements to the southern section of Halkett Street, extending the existing works towards Queen Street to complete the upgrade of the street begun at the northern end in 2024. Improvements will support –

- pedestrian connectivity;
- the attractiveness and usability of the town centre;
- retail and hospitality activity; and
- appropriate alfresco activity.

The Parish of St. Helier will match Government funding for the improvements in line with the joint Government-Parish delivery and funding model used for the first phase of upgrading Halkett Street.".

REPORT

This amendment seeks a Government contribution of up to £300,000, matched by at least an equivalent Parish contribution, to complete the southern section of Halkett Street.

It would build on the successful joint Government and Parish refurbishment of the northern section, bringing the two sections together as one coherent street in the heart of St Helier's commercial centre. The completed route would strengthen connections between the Markets area and Queen Street and support the businesses along it.

Strategic case

The strategic rationale that supported Government investment in the first phase continues to apply. The southern phase would complete the public realm treatment along Halkett Street and provide a more coherent pedestrian route between the Markets area and Queen Street, connecting into the wider town-centre network.

The northern section of Halkett Street was delivered by the Parish through a joint funding arrangement between Government and the Parish. The Parish's Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24 records its completion and identifies the speed and quality of the work as a basis for further joint projects (p. [i]).

Rather than a new standalone initiative, the project represents the logical completion of investment already undertaken jointly by Government and the Parish.

The proposed investment would –

- complete the public realm improvement of Halkett Street, building on investment already made by Government and the Parish;
- strengthen pedestrian connectivity between the improved northern section, Queen Street and the wider retail core;
- support economic activity and the continued regeneration of the town centre;
- provide a more attractive and welcoming environment for residents, businesses and visitors;
- provide opportunities for appropriate alfresco activity where this can be accommodated; and
- continue the established partnership between Government and the Parish in investing in Jersey's capital.

Economic regeneration

Attractive, accessible streets support the environment in which businesses trade and invest, encouraging people to visit, walk through and spend time in the commercial centre.

The Mapping Change and Investment in St Helier (updated 1st July 2026) records that the refurbishment improved the pedestrian environment and had a positive impact on local businesses, commercial units were brought into occupation, attracting more foot traffic and creating a more vibrant retail environment. (p. 66). Completing the southern section would build on that experience, extending the benefits towards Queen Street and the wider retail core.

The objective is therefore not simply to renew paving or street furniture. It is to create the conditions in which existing businesses can trade successfully, vacant or under-used premises become more attractive to occupiers, private investment is encouraged and the town centre becomes a stronger place in which to establish and grow a business.

A proven partnership and Parish delivery

The Parish has the capacity and capability to lead this project and deliver the agreed works on behalf of Government and the Parish. It brings experience of the northern section and other street improvements, established relationships with local businesses and practical knowledge of the street and its day-to-day operation.

Government funding would therefore support an established delivery partner. A joint agreement would define the scope, design standards, procurement arrangements, eligible expenditure, payment milestones and reporting responsibilities, with the Parish leading delivery and both parties retaining appropriate oversight.

Completing the town centre public realm

The Plan for Town sets out an ambition for a more attractive and connected commercial centre. Work on parts of Broad Street is a contribution to that ambition but does not complete the wider network of streets at the heart of the retail area. The proposed Budget includes a Public Realm rolling vote (p. 58) but does not separately identify a contribution to completing southern Halkett Street, confirmed by the Minister's response to Written Question 179/2026. The case for this amendment is to turn an incomplete improvement into a finished street, alongside the wider public-realm programme.

This amendment offers a practical next step: finish one street by joining the improved northern section to a refurbished southern section. Consistent surfaces, lighting, planting and street furniture, subject to the agreed design, would make the route feel connected and welcoming. This would help bring together the Markets area, Queen Street and the surrounding commercial activity, making better use of investment already made in the northern section.

Alignment with Government priorities

The project brings together Priority 3 of the Common Strategic Policy 2026–2030, which seeks to secure Jersey's competitive edge for the local economy, and Priority 9, which commits to improving the public realm, community spaces and sports facilities. It also supports the commitment to develop a regeneration strategy for St Helier (p. 16) by turning the ambition for a stronger commercial centre into a defined improvement.

The Proposed Budget 2027-2030 describes Investing in Jersey as a long-term programme that includes public spaces, with projects prioritised according to need, affordability, deliverability and economic and social return (p. 27). Southern Halkett Street offers a defined scope, a Parish contribution and an established delivery model. Its economic rationale is grounded in the adjoining refurbishment and the opportunity to complete the route.

Value for money and delivery

The Government contribution would be capped at £300,000 and require at least matching Parish project funding. If the full Government contribution were drawn, the combined contribution would be at least £600,000. Final funding would depend on the agreed project cost and formal approval of the Parish contribution.

Release of funding would be subject to detailed design, confirmed costs, appropriate investment appraisal and an agreed delivery programme. The partners should monitor outcomes proportionately, including footfall where data are available, business feedback and changes in commercial occupancy. Long-term maintenance responsibilities should be agreed before works begin.

Completing southern Halkett Street would extend a partnership that has already delivered results. It would provide a continuous improvement through one street in St Helier's commercial core, supporting local businesses and creating a better environment for residents and visitors.

Financial and staffing implications

The amendment would provide a separately identified Government contribution of up to £300,000 in 2027 towards southern Halkett Street, conditional on at least matching Parish project funding. The contribution must not reduce or replace the existing Neighbourhood Regeneration of St Helier allocation or duplicate expenditure already funded elsewhere.

The project agreement would set out the Parish's delivery responsibilities, the approval and payment arrangements, and any ongoing maintenance costs.

The project would be led through the Parish's existing delivery arrangements. No additional permanent posts are proposed; any project management or temporary delivery costs would need to be identified within the agreed project budget.

Children's Rights Impact Assessment

I consider that this amendment has no direct or indirect impact on children and that the duty to have due regard to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child does not arise. Accordingly, a Children's Rights Impact Assessment is not required under the Children (Convention Rights) (Jersey) Law 2022.