STATES OF JERSEY

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

LOVING HOMES DELIVERY TIMETABLE

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1 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (l) –

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

", except that, on page 60, after the words "children in care." there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"The Minister for Children and Families will publish a delivery timetable for the Loving Homes Estate, to include the estimated dates for provision of residential and secure care properties, together with a breakdown of staffing requirements. The delivery timetable and requirements will be updated on an annual basis to ensure informed decision making based on current evidence and trends.""

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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;

(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, on page 60, after the words "children in care." there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"The Minister for Children and Families will publish a delivery timetable for the Loving Homes Estate, to include the estimated dates for provision of residential and secure care properties, together with a breakdown of staffing requirements. The delivery timetable and requirements will be updated on an annual basis to ensure informed decision making based on current evidence and trends.".

REPORT

This amendment asks the Minister for Children and Families to publish a delivery timetable for the Loving Homes Estate. It would show when the residential and secure care homes are expected to be provided and the staff needed to run them, and it would be updated each year. It changes no figure in the Budget.

What the Loving Homes Estate is for

The Budget describes the Loving Homes Estate as the means to significantly expand and modernise Jersey's residential care capacity (page 60). It is one of the largest items in the capital programme for children: Table 20 allocates £4,067,000 in 2027, £2,310,000 in 2028 and £5,298,000 in 2029 (page 60).

Delivery is slipping

Of the £2,269,000 allocated to the Loving Homes Estate for 2026, £295,000 is forecast to be spent. The remaining £1,974,000 has moved to later years (Table 54, page 115). Secure care works are now shown only in 2028 and 2029 (Table 21, page 60). The Budget does not explain the delay or say when any of the homes will open.

The money has already been approved. What the Assembly lacks is a timetable it can hold the Minister to. Behind each year of delay are children living in placements these homes were meant to replace, in some cases away from the Island.

Why staffing matters

A home is only useful if it can be staffed. Residential and secure care need specialist staff, and recruiting them takes time. Publishing the staffing requirement alongside the building timetable lets the Assembly see whether recruitment is on track for each home's opening, and anticipate the running costs in future Budgets.

Why an annual update

Children's needs and the demand for placements change. Updating the timetable and staffing requirements each year keeps decisions on the estate based on current evidence and trends, and allows the Assembly and the Scrutiny Panel to raise problems early rather than after another year has passed.

Financial and staffing implications

There are no financial implications. The delivery timetable and staffing requirements are information the department needs to manage the programme, and can be published within existing resources.

Children’s Rights Impact Assessment

A Children’s Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) has been prepared in relation to this proposition and is available to read on the States Assembly website.