STATES OF JERSEY

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

ST. HELIER TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

Lodged au Greffe on 24th November 2026
by the Connétable of St. Helier
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1 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (l) –

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The Partnership will be led jointly by the Parish and the Government. It will bring together Visit Jersey, Jersey Business, town-centre businesses, the Central Markets, and arts, heritage and community organisations. Partners will keep their own funding, procurement and regulatory responsibilities.

During 2027 the Partnership will also assess a sustainable longer-term model, and the assessment's results will inform the Budget 2028-2030."".

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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 96 of the Report, after the words "ahead of implementation in 2028." there should be inserted the following new section –

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REPORT

St Helier is Jersey's capital, its economic engine and a major strategic asset. It is the Island's primary centre for commerce, retail, hospitality and culture, a gateway for visitors and central to Jersey's attractiveness as a place to live, work and invest.

A thriving capital is therefore an Island-wide interest. St Helier's vitality, accessibility and competitiveness directly affect Jersey's economic prosperity and quality of life.

Yet responsibility for the town centre is spread across organisations, strategies and Government departments. Better coordination could connect their work, maximise existing investment and strengthen St Helier's future development.

This amendment proposes a St Helier Town Centre Partnership between Government and the Parish, building on the existing Town Team and bringing together businesses, public bodies, Jersey Business, Visit Jersey, Art House, the Central Markets and arts, heritage and community organisations, Chamber of Commerce.

The Partnership would help deliver the Common Strategic Policy 2026–2030 and Future-Fit Retail Roadmap, aligned with Time To Win: restoring competitiveness, investing in infrastructure and regenerating town and community spaces.

It would connect existing organisations, reduce duplication and turn shared priorities into action. It would operate without creating another arm's-length body, with Government, the Parish and partners retaining their responsibilities.

The Parish would contribute local leadership, town-centre knowledge, established relationships, events expertise and operational capability. Government and its agencies would provide strategic, economic and visitor expertise, business support and delivery coordination. Businesses and cultural and community partners would contribute direct experience, ideas and opportunities for collaboration.

The shared vision is a lively, confident, accessible and distinctive capital throughout the year, where Islanders spend time, visitors explore and businesses invest.

As competition for spending, visitors, talent and investment intensifies, St Helier's collective offer becomes increasingly important. Businesses can improve their premises, products and customer experience, while the wider attractiveness of the destination requires collective action.

The Partnership could address barriers to growth, strengthen promotion, encourage innovation and attract investment. It could also support creative use of public and vacant spaces, connecting retail, hospitality, culture and the public realm.

Maximising the impact of existing investment

There is a particular opportunity to connect Government investment in economic development, tourism, arts, culture and heritage.

Working with Visit Jersey, Jersey Business and the Creative Island Partnership, the Partnership would support The Creative Island: An Arts Strategy for Jersey and the

Jèrriais strategy, strengthening culture's contribution to the capital's vitality, distinctiveness and visitor appeal.

Two stakeholder meetings organised by the Constable for this year's Christmas programme demonstrated an appetite for partnership working, connecting cultural activity, businesses and the visitor and shopper experience. Partners want to establish this cooperation throughout the year, extending it beyond individual events.

The 2027 European Year of the Normans, with heritage and cultural activities across Jersey, offers an immediate opportunity. The Partnership could coordinate promotion, encourage town-centre participation and connect events with surrounding businesses.

Combining event calendars, destination marketing, business networks and creative activity could attract new audiences, increase footfall and encourage greater engagement with the arts.

This would strengthen the impact of Government's existing arts, culture and heritage investment. With the proposed Budget 2027–2030 maintaining these budgets across Government at 1% of revenue expenditure, better coordination could help that funding reach wider audiences and deliver greater value.

The Partnership would connect this investment with local businesses and communities, extending its cultural, social and economic benefits across the Island.

Looking ahead to 2028–2030

This amendment does not determine expenditure for 2028–2030 or commit partners to future projects. Instead, 2027 would demonstrate the benefits of collaboration and develop a coordinated, costed programme of priorities for St Helier's development and regeneration.

These could include public realm improvements, cultural and economic development, infrastructure, community facilities, accessibility and sustainable transport, with clear outcomes, indicative costs, timescales and potential funding sources.

Partnership arrangements would establish roles, accountability and measures of success, with each partner retaining its funding, procurement and regulatory responsibilities. This work would inform the Budget 2028–2030 and Long-Term Capital Plan, alongside consideration of a sustainable partnership model.

The initial year would provide evidence of what coordinated working can achieve. Experience, business participation and benefits delivered would guide decisions about the Partnership's longer-term structure and funding.

Jersey's capital deserves ambition befitting its Island-wide importance. This amendment provides a practical way for Government, businesses and the Parish to realise that ambition together, ensuring St Helier remains vibrant, competitive and welcoming for Islanders, visitors and investors.

Financial and staffing implications

The amendment establishes a shared direction and partnership approach. Any financial or staffing contribution would be agreed by the Government and the Parish through the appropriate budget and governance arrangements, with responsibilities clearly recorded and existing partner contributions recognised.

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.