STATES OF JERSEY

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

REINSTATEMENT OF FIELD DEVELOPMENTS & PLAY SPACE FUNDING

Lodged au Greffe on 24th November 2026
by Deputy V. Li of St. Helier North
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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (d) –

After the words "Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 4 and 5 of the Report" insert the words ", except that, in Summary Table 5, the Head of Expenditure for Upgrades to CYPES Estates should be increased by £1,415,000, and the Head of Expenditure for the Capital Reserve should be decreased by £1,415,000".

2 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (l) –

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

", except that –

(i) on page 60, within Table 20 – Estates, the 2027 estimate for Upgrades to CYPES Estates should be increased by £1,415,000;

(ii) on page 61, within Table 22 – Upgrades to CYPES Estates – Breakdown of Grouped Head of Expenditure, a new line entitled "Field Developments & Play Space" should be inserted, with £1,415,000 allocated in 2027; and

(iii) on page 61, after the words "residential care facilities", there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"The 2027 Budget commits £1,415,000 to Field Developments & Play Space, ensuring that the Upgrades to the CYPES Estates line of expenditure includes improvements to sports fields and play areas. Should this work not progress in 2027 any unspent amounts remaining to this allocation at the end of 2027 will be carried forward for the same purpose in 2028."".

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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, except that, in Summary Table 5, the Head of Expenditure for Upgrades to CYPES Estates should be increased by £1,415,000, and the Head of Expenditure for the Capital Reserve should be decreased by £1,415,000;

(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 60, within Table 20 – Estates, the 2027 estimate for Upgrades to CYPES Estates should be increased by £1,415,000;

(ii) on page 61, within Table 22 – Upgrades to CYPES Estates – Breakdown of Grouped Head of Expenditure, a new line entitled "Field Developments & Play Space" should be inserted, with £1,415,000 allocated in 2027; and

(iii) on page 61, after the words "residential care facilities", there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"The 2027 Budget commits £1,415,000 to Field Developments & Play Space, ensuring that the Upgrades to the CYPES Estates line of expenditure includes improvements to sports fields and play areas. Should this work not progress in 2027 any unspent amounts remaining to this allocation at the end of 2027 will be carried forward for the same purpose in 2028.".

REPORT

This amendment restores funding for school fields and play space that the Assembly approved last year and that is missing from this Budget. It funds the work from the Capital Reserve in 2027, so total capital spending does not change.

What has changed since last year

The Budget 2026- 2029, approved by the Assembly in December 2025, set out two lines within Upgrades to CYPES Estates for 2028: £1,415,000 for Field Developments and Play Space, and £1,400,000 for Existing Youth Service Facilities (Table 22, page 60).

Both lines are missing from this Budget. Table 22 (page 61) now shows only Residential Homes and Secure Settings and School Improvements, and the 2028 allocation for Upgrades to CYPES Estates falls from £4,789,000 to £1,974,000. The Budget gives no explanation.

Why it matters

Outdoor space is where children play, exercise and learn outside the classroom. In November 2026 the Assembly adopted an amendment to the Common Strategic Policy 2026–2030 committing to no net loss of open space. CSP priority 9 commits the Government to "improve the public realm, community spaces and sports facilities across the whole Island" (page 16). Investing in Jersey 2026-2050 also commits to coordinating sports investment with education and youth service plans, to maximise shared use.

Removing the only lines in the capital programme for school fields, play space and existing youth facilities does not fit those commitments.

Why 2027, and why the Capital Reserve

The Budget creates a Capital Reserve of £10,000,000 in 2027 to manage emerging project requirements across the capital programme. The reserve holds nothing in 2028 (Table 30, page 68), so the play space funding cannot be restored in 2028 without taking money from another project. This amendment uses £1,415,000 of the 2027 reserve, or 14%. Field and play space works are generally smaller and quicker to deliver than new buildings, so they can be brought forward to 2027.

The new line in Table 22 makes the allocation visible. Upgrades to CYPES Estates remains a grouped head with its flexibility, but the Assembly will be able to see whether the money is spent on its intended purpose.

Existing youth facilities

The £1,400,000 for existing youth facilities was set for 2028, and there is no reserve in 2028 to fund it from. Rather than take money from another project, the amendment asks the Government to include it in the Budget 2028- 2031. The new North of St Helier Youth Centre is a major investment, but existing youth facilities elsewhere in the Island also need investment.

School buildings after 2028

Table 22 shows School Improvements funding of £2,000,000 in 2027 and £1,474,000 in 2028, and nothing in 2029 or 2030. The Budget also states that most of the capital for the Government estate is committed to new builds and cannot be redirected to legacy maintenance and compliance (page 23).

Without a plan, the Assembly cannot judge whether school buildings will stay safe and fit for learning once this funding ends. The amendment asks the Government to prepare that plan during 2027, before the next Budget sets the capital programme.

Financial and staffing implications

In 2027, Upgrades to CYPES Estates increases from £2,500,000 to £3,915,000, and the Capital Reserve falls from £10,000,000 to £8,585,000. Total spending from the Jersey Capital Investment Fund does not change, and there is no effect on the General Revenue Fund. Any small maintenance costs for new play areas would be met from existing budgets. There are no staffing implications.

The £1,400,000 for existing youth facilities should be provided in the Budget 2028–2031.

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.