STATES OF JERSEY

COMMON STRATEGIC POLICY 2026 - 2030 (P.75/2026): THIRD AMENDMENT (P.75/2026 AMD.(3)) – AMENDMENT

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For the words, "and improve the accessibility of Government services and facilities through departmental access and inclusion plans", substitute the words, "and continue to monitor and improve the accessibility of Government services and facilities".

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

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After the words "report accompanying this Proposition" insert the words –

", except that on page 15 of the report, after action 8.4, there should be inserted the following –

"8.5 Develop and implement an updated Disability and Inclusion Strategy for Jersey, in partnership with disabled Islanders, and continue to monitor and improve the accessibility of Government services and facilities"".

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

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

in accordance with Article 18(2)(e) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, to approve the statement of the Common Strategic Policy of the Council of Ministers as set out in the report accompanying this Proposition, except that on page 15 of the report, after action 8.4 there should be inserted the following –

"8.5 Develop and implement an updated Disability and Inclusion Strategy for Jersey, in partnership with disabled Islanders, and continue to monitor and improve the accessibility of Government services and facilities"

REPORT

Continuing to improve health services is a key priority of the 2026 Common Strategic Policy and one that the Council of Ministers recognises is important to a broad range of islanders in a variety of ways. The amendment that champions the current Disability and Inclusion Strategy is therefore welcome as it provides specific focus on a group of people with specialised vulnerabilities and needs.

Considerable progress has been made in the provision of Government services in this area since 2020 including:

- stronger partnerships
- greater involvement of people with lived experience
- improved accessibility governance
- enhanced support for Deaf Islanders
- more accessible transport options
- a broader culture of disability awareness and inclusion across the Island

Ministers recognise the importance of reflecting on this progress and understanding the challenges faced by people with disabilities today.

A comprehensive survey was open between July and September this year to gather evidence and views. Over 2,000 Islanders completed the survey providing valuable insights to help determine future Government actions in this area. The survey outcomes will directly inform a revised Disability Inclusion Strategy.

The proposed amended wording seeks to remove the reference to individual departmental access and inclusion plans in order to provide greater flexibility and reduce the likelihood of adding unnecessary bureaucracy.

Many departments are now operating from the fully accessible Union Street building, and most disability and inclusion strategies apply across all public services. Following the completion of the updated Disability and Inclusion Strategy next year, work will continue across the Government to support and improve the accessibility of services and facilities.

The Council of Ministers therefore recommends the proposed amendments.

Financial and staffing implications

The revised strategy and actions agreed within the strategy will be funded using existing departmental resources. To the extent that a need for additional funding is identified, it will be subject to the usual budgetary processes for the provision of new funds.

Children's Rights Impact Assessment

The Council of Ministers considers 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.