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Chair, Parishes and Government Review Panel

29th of October 2025

Dear Chair,

Parish and Government Review Panel – Update on the Play Strategy

Thank you for your letter dated the 9th of October, in relation to the Parishes and Government Review and your request for an update on the Government's Play Strategy.

Please see my answers to your questions below

1. An update on the progress and current priorities of the Play Strategy, including any timelines, consultation with parishes, and date of publication.

The Play Strategy is currently being revised following stakeholder feedback on the initial draft. It will focus on five key areas: play in the community, at home, in education and childcare settings, play infrastructure, and the promotion of play across the island. A presentation outlining these five focus areas and initial feedback gathered for the Strategy was delivered to the Comité des Connétables on the 17th of February. The final Strategy is scheduled for publication in December, with the exact date to be confirmed.

2. Information on engagement, specifically how the strategy will take account of variations in play provision and needs across parishes, including rural and urban areas.

Alongside the Strategy a map will be produced which will create an audit of current play facilities across all parishes. This will help identify gaps and overlaps in provision. The Play Strategy will include mechanisms for ongoing feedback and review, ensuring it remains responsive to changing needs across both rural and urban parishes. This will also enable ongoing engagement with parishes around play opportunities.

The Play Strategy does consider the variations of play provision across the island and when referring to play space it defines it as not only fixed play equipment but also open green space, woodland, beaches, civic space etc.

3. Details of collaboration opportunities, particularly whether parishes will be (or have been) invited to participate in the consultation or development stages of the strategy.

Parishes were invited to engage further following the presentation to the Comité des Connétables, where contact details were shared for continued involvement. No follow-up contact has been received to date.

While the Strategy will not undergo formal public consultation, opportunities remain for review and engagement. A steering group will be established in 2026 to support implementation, offering further collaboration opportunities.

4. Details of materials used in stakeholder engagement including briefing papers or PowerPoint presentations.

Stakeholder engagement has been supported by PowerPoint presentations used both in-person and online sessions. A draft of the Strategy was circulated for feedback, which was collected electronically and during a dedicated face to face session.

A child-friendly version, including a short video, was developed to engage children and young people in the process.

5. Clarification on implementation and support, including whether there will be mechanisms or funding streams to assist parishes in maintaining or improving play facilities including: (a) Whether the Government plans to issue grants or other funding to support the development or improvement of play facilities. (b) Specifically, what proportion of funding will Government contribute to delivering the Strategy?

The Government does not currently plan to issue grants or direct funding for play facility development or improvement. However, the Strategy will include guidance for developers, aligned with the Island Plan, to support the creation or enhancement of play spaces. While no direct Government funding is allocated to the Strategy, significant investment is planned in projects such as the Gas place site, a new youth service facility in town, and developments at Fort Regent.

6. A map or list of available play spaces in Jersey, clearly showing which are government owned and which are parish-owned.

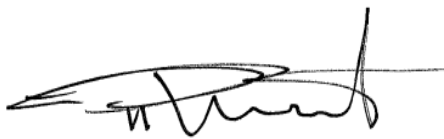
This is currently being developed and will be published alongside the Strategy.

7. In what ways will the Government measure the success of the Play Strategy, and what are the identified risks to non-delivery, particularly given the current stage of the political cycle?

Success will be measured against the delivery of strategic actions, with built-in review points and progress reporting. Ongoing stakeholder engagement will provide qualitative and quantitative evidence of impact.

Risks to delivery include potential reprioritisation due to political changes, funding constraints, and variable local capacity. Nonetheless, strong cross-sector support exists to drive the Strategy forward.

Yours sincerely

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