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Deputy Malcolm Ferey
Minister for Housing

BY EMAIL

14th October 2026

Dear Minister

Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2027-2030 Review

I write to inform you that the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel has agreed to undertake a review of the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 [P.73/2026]. Attached to this letter are the Terms of Reference for the Panel's review.

We intend to begin our work immediately and have scheduled a public hearing with you to be held on 22nd October 2026. To inform our review, we will also be seeking the views of industry professionals and the general public.

For the workstreams in your remit, where any key supporting documentation has not yet been shared with the Panel or has changed, we request to receive this updated information without delay. Specifically, the Panel requests the following information in respect of your ministerial portfolio:

1. Your response to Written Question WQ.188/2026 indicates that no decisions have yet been taken regarding the form, scale, timing or funding of future assisted purchase schemes. The Panel wishes to understand how this commitment in the Common Strategic Policy will be developed during the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 period.

Please provide:

- a) The process and timetable for developing proposals for assisted purchase schemes.
 - b) The evidence, analysis or research that will be used to determine the form and scale of any future scheme.
 - c) Whether funding provision for assisted purchase schemes is expected to be brought forward during the Budget period and, if so, through what mechanism.
 - d) The key milestones against which progress towards this Common Strategic Policy commitment will be measured.
2. The Panel wishes to understand how housing priorities will be delivered during the Proposed Budget 2027-2030. The previous Budget Annex for 2026 identified £632,000

of expenditure mapped to the Minister for Housing through the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Team, while the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 allocates £561,000 to that function. The Panel wishes to understand the implications of this reduction and how housing policy objectives will be funded and delivered in practice.

Please provide:

- a) Details of the budget provision allocated directly to the Housing Minister and the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Team, including the reason for any change from previous budget allocations and the intended use of the funding.
 - b) How you intend to fund and deliver key housing policy initiatives during the Proposed Budget 2027-2030, including plans relating to housing affordability, regeneration and increasing housing supply.
 - c) Which areas of expenditure relating to housing are funded through other ministerial portfolios, departments or programmes, and the total level of Government expenditure that contributes to delivery of your housing objectives.
 - d) Given the relatively limited budget directly attributed to your portfolio, how will you ensure that housing priorities are appropriately reflected in wider Government spending decisions?
 - e) The purpose, responsibilities, staffing and proposed work programme of the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Team.
3. In responding to Written Question WQ.188/2026, you advised that assisted home ownership schemes may be used to support housing mobility, including helping Islanders move up the property ladder as their circumstances change. The Panel wishes to understand the evidence underpinning this approach and the policy measures currently under consideration.

Please provide:

- a) Any analysis undertaken regarding barriers that prevent Islanders from moving within the housing market, including barriers affecting first-time buyers, growing families and those seeking to downsize.
- b) Details of any policy measures currently under development to support movement within the housing market, including assisted purchase schemes, downsizing initiatives and other measures intended to improve housing mobility.
- c) How these proposals are expected to contribute to improved housing affordability and more effective use of the existing housing stock.
- d) How these proposals support the housing-related commitments set out in the Common Strategic Policy and Proposed Budget 2027-2030.

We would be grateful to receive this information by a formal response no later than **21st October 2026**. Please be advised that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

We hope that the evidence we gather, and our final output will help inform the work of Government for the Proposed Budget 2027-2030. I would be happy to address any questions you may have regarding the Panel's work for this review.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Jeune', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Deputy Hilary Jeune

Chair
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2027 – 2030 Review
Terms of Reference
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel

1. To review components of the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 Proposition [[P.73/2026](#)] (with a focus on 2027) as relevant to the remit of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel to determine the following:
 - a) The impact of the Budget proposals on departmental budgets, savings and staffing levels.
 - b) Whether the revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects are appropriate and likely to have a positive impact on Islanders.
 - c) How the proposed revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects align with the Common Strategic Policy to deliver on the priorities, and in line with Departments' plans for delivery.
 - d) Whether the resources allocated to revenue expenditure growth and capital and other projects are sufficient, ensure value for money and demonstrate the best use of public funds.
2. To assess the impact of the Budget proposals on the States Funds relevant to the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel including the Climate Emergency Fund, Jersey Car Parking Fund, Jersey Fleet Management Fund, and Jersey Capital Investment Fund.