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Senator Mark Boleat
Minister for Planning and Regulation

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 4th November 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. The Proposed Budget 2027-2030 establishes a standalone Planning and Regulation Head of Expenditure. During the Panel's Quarterly Hearing, officers identified that income and resources are key risks for the department. The Panel is therefore seeking to understand the sustainability of the proposed funding model and the extent to which delivery of the Department's statutory responsibilities is dependent upon achieving forecast income levels.

To assist the Panel's review, please provide:

- a) A breakdown of the forecast £5.7 million income by source.
 - b) The assumptions underpinning those forecasts.
 - c) The potential impact on service delivery should forecast income not be achieved.
 - d) Any contingency arrangements in place should fee income fall below forecast levels.
2. The Panel wishes to understand whether the staffing resources available to the Department will be sufficient to deliver its statutory responsibilities, planned work programme and proposed policy reforms during the period covered by the Proposed Budget 2027-2030.

To assist the Panel's review, please provide:

- a) The number of posts that are currently vacant.
 - b) The number of vacancies that are subject to recruitment restrictions.
 - c) Details of any functions or services where staffing levels are affecting the Department's ability to deliver its responsibilities.
3. The Proposed Budget 2027-2030 includes measures relating to planning reform and future review of the Island Plan. During the Panel's quarterly hearing, you advised that certain planning policies may be inhibiting economic growth or limiting the ability of Islanders to improve their homes. Please provide further information on:
- a) The policies currently being reviewed.
 - b) The evidence base supporting those reviews.
 - c) The anticipated benefits of any proposed changes.
 - d) How these proposals support the wider objectives of the Proposed Budget 2027-2030.
4. The Panel notes that the proposals outlined above (in point 3) align with commitments contained within the Common Strategic Policy 2026-2030 relating to reducing regulation and red tape, including within the planning system. The Panel wishes to understand how these objectives will be delivered in practice and balanced against other public interests.

To assist the Panel's review, please provide:

- a) Information on how proposed planning reforms will balance the objectives of facilitating economic growth and reducing regulatory burdens with the protection of Jersey's natural environment, built heritage and wider public interest.
- b) Details of the aspects of the Island Plan that the Government considers require review or amendment during the period covered by the Proposed Budget 2027-2030, including the evidence supporting any proposed changes and the anticipated timetable for delivery.
- c) Information on how the Department assesses whether planning policies, regulatory requirements or associated fees have a disproportionate impact on smaller businesses, householders or community organisations when applying the principle of proportionality.

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,



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.