

Following today's meeting with the panel, as discussed Jersey Opera House are greatly supportive of the Government's 1% commitment to arts, culture and heritage.

From a practical perspective, the immediate challenges for Jersey Opera House relate to us confirming the level of grant that will be received by us in 2026 (as this is yet to be confirmed). We continue to discuss the level of grant that can be provided, equally aware that there are significant budget pressures across the arts, culture and heritage sector.

In addition, we would greatly support a move towards longer funding agreements that cover multiple years to enable organisations to make longer term plans and remove the need to negotiate these arrangements on an annual basis. This is particularly important for arts charities such as Jersey Opera House given programming decisions need to be made 9-18 months in advance and would create significant efficiencies too.