

# STATES OF JERSEY



## COMMON STRATEGIC POLICY 2024- 2026 (P.21/2024): AMENDMENT (P.21/2024 AMD.) – AMENDMENT

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Lodged au Greffe on 20th May 2024  
by the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

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COMMON STRATEGIC POLICY 2024-2026 (P.21/2024): AMENDMENT  
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**1 PAGE 2, PART 2 –**

In the table adding a new priority, substitute the words “Natural Environment” with “Sustainable Resources”.

**2 PAGE 2, PART 3 –**

After the words “We will reform our planning service to enable sustainable development in Jersey and the frictionless use of our existing Laws and policies contained within the Bridging Island Plan.”

there should be inserted the following –

“Changes will include developing and introducing a fast-track service process for minor applications and improving customer service throughout. We will also deliver improved planning guidance and explore the relaxation of planning control to enable Islanders to undertake more work without the need for planning permission.”

**2 PAGE 3, PART 4 –**

In paragraph 4, for the words “with the aim of being carbon neutral by 2035” substitute the words “committing to an emissions reduction pathway in line with the Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050.”

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

**1 PAGE 2 –**

After the words “report accompanying this Proposition” insert the words –

“, except that, in the table on page 3 of the report, for the words “Reform the Planning Service to get Jersey building” there should be substituted “Reform the Planning Service to enable sustainable development in Jersey.””.

**2 PAGE 2 –**

After the words “report accompanying this Proposition” insert the words –

“, except that, on page 3 of the report, at the end of the table there should be added the following new priority –

Meet the Island’s commitments to address the climate	Environmental Wellbeing	Sustainable Resources
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emergency through the implementation of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap		
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**3 PAGE 2 –**

After the words “report accompanying this Proposition” insert the words –

“, except that, on Page 11 of the report, for the section entitled “Reform the planning service to get Jersey building” there should be substituted the following –

**“Reform the Planning Service to enable sustainable development in Jersey**

A more efficient, effective, and better value planning system is of fundamental importance to meet the community’s development needs and to deliver the Government’s priorities.

We will reform our planning service to enable sustainable development in Jersey and the frictionless use of our existing Laws and policies contained within the Bridging Island Plan. Changes will include developing and introducing a fast-track service process for minor applications and improving customer service throughout. We will also deliver improved planning guidance and explore the relaxation of planning control to enable Islanders to undertake more work without the need for planning permission.

When developing consideration must be given to sustainable growth, building quality, and the need to maintain and protect the natural environment. Without this balance there is a risk to the priority which will be placed on the obligations of Government to maintain and protect the natural environment and, potentially, have an impact on longer term commitments to ensuring growth and construction are sustainable.”.

**4 PAGE 2 –**

After the words “report accompanying this Proposition” insert the words –

“, except that, on page 11 of the report, after the existing text there should be inserted the following wording –

**“Meet the Island’s commitments to address the climate emergency through the Carbon Neutral Roadmap**

We are currently facing a climate emergency and the States Assembly has committed to responding to the emergency “with energy and pace”, committing to an emissions reduction pathway in line with the Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050. In order to fulfil this commitment, we recognise that delivering the actions in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap must remain a priority for Government.”.

**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 –**

(a) in the table on page 3 of the report, for the words “Reform the Planning Service to get Jersey building” there should be substituted “Reform the Planning Service to enable sustainable development in Jersey”.

(b) on page 3 of the report, at the end of the table there should be added the following new priority –

Meet the Island’s commitments to address the climate emergency through the implementation of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap	Environmental Wellbeing	Sustainable Resources
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(c) on Page 11 of the report, for the section entitled “Reform the planning service to get Jersey building” there should be substituted the following –

**“Reform the Planning Service to enable sustainable development in Jersey**

A more efficient, effective, and better value planning system is of fundamental importance to meet the community’s development needs and to deliver the Government’s priorities.

We will reform our planning service to enable sustainable development in Jersey and the frictionless use of our existing Laws and policies contained within the Bridging Island Plan. Changes will include developing and introducing a fast-track service process for minor applications and improving customer service throughout. We will also deliver improved planning guidance and explore the relaxation of planning control to enable Islanders to undertake more work without the need for planning permission.

When developing consideration must be given to sustainable growth, building quality, and the need to maintain and protect the natural environment. Without this balance there is a risk to the priority which will be placed on the obligations of Government to maintain and protect the natural environment and, potentially, have an impact on longer term commitments to ensuring growth and construction are sustainable.”

(d) on page 11 of the report, after the existing text there should be inserted the following wording –

**“Meet the Island’s commitments to address the climate emergency through the Carbon Neutral Roadmap**

We are currently facing a climate emergency and the States Assembly has committed to responding to the emergency “with energy and pace”, committing to an emissions reduction pathway in line with the Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050. In order to fulfil this commitment, we recognise that delivering the actions in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap must remain a priority for Government.”

## **REPORT**

This amendment to the Panel's initial amendment brings together wording which has been agreed by both the Minister for the Environment and the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel.

It incorporates the wording and vision which had been sought by the Council of Ministers in what is now a withdrawn amendment to the Panel's original and also maintains the changes which the Panel had been keen to see implemented.

It has the effect of introducing an agreed 13<sup>th</sup> Priority:

Meet the Island's commitments to address the climate emergency through the implementation of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap.

It also amends the Council of Ministers 12<sup>th</sup> priority to ensure that long-term sustainability is considered in any forthcoming reform of Jersey's Planning service.

The Panel is grateful to the Minister for the Environment for his acceptance of the changes that it was seeking to make and believes that the accommodation reached is a good example of the value that can be added by a good working relationship between Scrutiny and the Executive.

The Panel would refer members to its initial report for the rationale to its amendment.

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### **Financial and staffing implications**

There are no new resource implications arising from this amendment.

### **Children's Rights Impact Assessment**

A full Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) has not been prepared in relation to this proposition as a CRIA is not required, in accordance with Schedule 2 to the [Children \(Convention Rights\) \(Jersey\) Law 2022](#), following completion of a CRIA screener form.