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## Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

### Records of Meetings

2023

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.

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Chair

Deputy Steve Luce

États de Jersey



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# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Robert Ward, Vice-Chair Connétable Michael Jackson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Records of Meetings</b>  The Panel noted and approved the record of the meetings held on the 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 7 <sup>th</sup> December and 21 <sup>st</sup> December.	
<b>2. Draft Sea Fisheries (TCA – Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Amendment of Law and Regulations) (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 202-</b>  The Panel discussed a draft comments paper and agreed to send the main body to the Minister and Government officials for factual accuracy checking. The Officer was requested to draft a conclusion highlighting the Panel's concerns and to circulate this for approval via email on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023. The Officer advised the Panel that the deadline for presentation of comments would be noon on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.	<b>NH</b>
<b>3. States Business</b>  The Panel noted the lodging of <a href="#">P.177/2022 - Establishment of a Climate Council</a> and discussed the briefing it had received the previous month. The Panel noted that it would monitor the work the Climate Council once established which, if adopted by the States Assembly, would not be until 2025.  The Officer was requested to circulate the previous Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel's amendment to the Carbon Neutral Roadmap which had been adopted by the previous States Assembly and had prompted this proposition to be lodged by the Minister for the Environment.  The Panel also noted the lodging of the Minister for Housing and Communities' amendment to <a href="#">Rent Control Tribunal : Nomination of Chair and Members [P.106/2022]</a> which included the Minister's response to the reference back decided by the States Assembly on 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2022. The Panel noted its concerns regarding the lack of powers the established rent tribunal would have and requested the Officer look into options for reviewing this in further detail.	<b>NH</b>  <b>NH</b>

<p>It was also agreed to include questioning on the legal powers of the rent tribunal at the upcoming public quarterly hearing with the Minister scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</p>	
<p><b>4. Work programme</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed potential review topics to include in its future work programme, including electricity supply capacity, waste management across the island, as well as social housing provision.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to prepare a draft letter from the Chair of the Panel to the Minister for Infrastructure to request an update on when the Panel could expect to receive the finalised Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy.</p> <p>The Officer also advised that she would make contact with Andium Homes to find a suitable for the visits and meeting which had been postponed from December 2022.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p> <p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>5. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 9.30am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Robert Ward, Vice-Chair Connétable Michael Jackson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Paul Chambers, Head of Marine Resources, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department Matthew Berry, Legal Adviser, Law Officers Department  Nikita Hall, Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Draft Sea Fisheries (TCA – Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Amendment of Law and Regulations – No.2) (Jersey) Regulations 202-</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for the Environment, Paul Chambers (Head of Marine Resources) and Matthew Berry (Legal Adviser) for an informal meeting to discuss the Panel's concerns with the Draft Sea Fisheries (TCA – Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Amendment of Law and Regulations – No.2) (Jersey) Regulations 202- and the associated Replacement Vessel Policy.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Robert Ward, Vice-Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
Apologies	Connétable Michael Jackson
In attendance	<b>Item 1 only</b> Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities Natasha Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department Carly Cudlipp, Private Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Communities  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the record of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Public Quarterly Hearing – Minister for Housing and Communities</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the question plan for the upcoming hearing with the Minister for Housing and Communities scheduled for that morning.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	
<p><b>3. Draft Sea Fisheries (TCA –Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Amendment of Law and Regulations) (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 202-</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed a draft comments paper which had been drafted following the two public review hearings held the previous week. The Officer was requested to make various amendments to the key recommendations and to circulate the revised draft before the end of the day for Panel approval by email. The Officer advised that subject to any revisions made during the factual accuracy checking process, the comments paper would be presented to the States Assembly by the deadline of noon on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.</p>	<b>NH</b>

<p><b>4. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy which had been provided in confidence to the Panel by the Minister for Infrastructure. The Panel discussed the areas that it would like to be scoped as part of its future review and discussed whether the use of an expert advisor would be beneficial to the review.</p> <p>The Officer was asked to draft a scoping document and terms of reference for the Panel to discuss at a future meeting and to arrange a briefing on the strategy from the Minister and government officials. The Officer was also requested to research potential expert advisors.</p>	<p><b>NH/ RS</b></p>
<p><b>5. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 9.00am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to arrange a briefing by government officials on marine funding support.</p>	<p><b>RS</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Robert Ward, Vice-Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat Connétable Michael Jackson
Apologies	
In attendance	<p><b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Kevin Pilley, Head of Place and Spatial Planning, Cabinet Office Mark Richardson, Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Ministerial Office</p> <p><b>Item 3 only</b> Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure Deputy Steve Ahier, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure Andrew Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure Housing and Environment Department Ellen Littlechild, Group Director – Operations and Transport, Infrastructure Housing and Environment Department Tim Daniels, Director – Property, Jersey Property Holdings, Infrastructure Housing and Environment Department Tristan Dodd, Director – Transport, Infrastructure Housing and Environment Department Tracy Mourant, Private Secretary to the Minister for Infrastructure, Ministerial Office Leila Osman, Communications Officer, States Greffe</p> <p>Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the record of meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Briefing: Supplementary Planning Guidance – Density of Residential Developments – consultation outcome</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for the Environment and Kevin Pilley (Head of Place and Spatial Planning) for a briefing on the consultation outcome of the proposed Supplementary Planning Guidance on Density of Residential Developments.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.</p>	

<p><b>3. Public Quarterly Hearing – Minister for Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the question plan for the upcoming hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure scheduled for that morning.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	
<p><b>4. Draft Sea Fisheries (TCA –Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Amendment of Law and Regulations) (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.115/2022]</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the Minister for the Environment’s response to the recommendations made by the Panel in its comments paper regarding P.115/2022.</p> <p>It was noted that there would be continuing challenges and that this would be an ongoing topic for the Panel to keep abreast of. The Panel agreed to revisit the implementation of the Regulations later in the year to gauge what impact, if any, this was having on the local fishing industry.</p>	
<p><b>5. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the status of the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy which had been shared with the Panel in confidence earlier that month. The Officer provided an update to the Panel on the preparation of a scoping document which was currently being prepared. It was noted that it was the intention to include this, as well as a list of potential advisers, on the next meeting agenda for the Panel’s consideration.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to arrange a briefing presentation on the Strategy from government officials.</p>	<b>NH</b>
<p><b>6. Ministerial Delivery Plans 2023</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Ministerial Delivery Plans for the Minister for Housing and Communities, Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for the Environment which had been circulated by the Ministerial Office on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.</p> <p>It was noted that included within the Plans was a timetable of the legislative programme which would assist the Panel in coordinating its own ongoing work programme.</p>	
<p><b>7. Email correspondence – South of St. Helier Master Plan / La Folie Inn</b></p> <p>The Panel noted email correspondence which had been received from a member of the public regarding the South of St. Helier Master Plan and the government-owned La Folie Inn site. It was agreed to include this as an area of questioning in the upcoming quarterly hearing later that morning.</p>	
<p><b>8. Westminster Visit</b></p> <p>The Officer updated the Panel on arrangements for the upcoming visit to Westminster on 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The Officer advised that once the proposed itinerary of meetings was confirmed this would be circulated to panel members and travel arrangements would be made.</p>	<b>NH</b>
<p><b>9. Future Meetings</b></p>	



The Panel noted that it was scheduled to visit the Jersey Electricity Powerhouse at 9:30am on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023.	
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# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Robert Ward, Vice-Chair Connétable Michael Jackson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<p><b>Item 1 only</b> Chris Ambler, Chief Executive, Jersey Electricity Mark Preece, Operations Director, Jersey Electricity Peter Cadiou, Director of Commercial Services, Jersey Electricity</p> <p><b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure Ellen Littlechild, Group Director - Operations and Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department Tom Le Gallais, Project Engineer, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department</p> <p><b>Item 3 only</b> Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Steve Webster, Planning and Environment Consultant Michelle Humphreys-Foott, Head of Regulatory Improvement, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Mark Richardson, Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment</p> <p>Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Panel meeting with Jersey Electricity (JE) and visit to JE Powerhouse</b></p> <p>The Panel visited the Jersey Electricity Powerhouse and was received by Chris Ambler (Chief Executive), Mark Preece (Operations Director) and Peter Cadiou (Director of Commercial Services).</p> <p>The visit began by the Panel receiving a tour of the ‘Smarter Living’ area at the JE Powerhouse to learn more about the latest smart home technology. The tour was followed by a meeting which discussed electrification and Jersey’s electricity grid infrastructure.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Articles 26 and 33.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to arrange a further follow-up meeting to discuss other areas of interest for which there was not sufficient time to cover during the meeting.</p>	<p><b>RS</b></p>

**2. Briefing: Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26**

The Panel received Deputy Tom Binet (Minister for Infrastructure), Ellen Littlechild, (Group Director - Operations and Transport) and Tom Le Gallais (Project Engineer) for an informal briefing on the upcoming Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26.

The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.

**3. Briefing: Planning and Building (Amendment No.8) (Jersey) Law 202-Orders**

The Panel received Deputy Jonathan Renouf (Minister for the Environment), Steve Webster (Planning and Environment Consultant) and Michelle Humphreys-Foott (Head of Regulatory Improvement) for an informal briefing on the upcoming Planning and Building (Amendment No.8) (Jersey) Law 202-Orders.

The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
Apologies	Deputy Robert Ward, Vice-Chair
In attendance	<b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Deputy Hilary Jeune, Assistant Minister for the Environment William Peggie, Group Director – Natural Environment, Infrastructure and Environment Department Alistair Coates, Principal Policy Planner, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department Mark Richardson, Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Records of Meetings</b>  The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on the 15 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023.	
<b>2. Public Quarterly Hearing – Minister for the Environment</b>  The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for the upcoming hearing with the Minister for the Environment scheduled for that morning.  The Panel received Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment, Deputy Hilary Jeune, Assistant Minister for the Environment and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.	
<b>3. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review</b>  The Panel discussed and agreed a draft Scoping Document and Terms of Reference for its intended scrutiny review of the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26. It was noted that, following Panel approval, the Scoping Document and Terms of Reference would be sent to the Scrutiny Liaison Committee for approval, with the intention being to then launch the review as soon as the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy was published by Government.	

<p>The Panel asked Officers to request maps from the Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department detailing exact points on the Island where the proposed attenuation tanks would be installed.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>4. Marine Spatial Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the ongoing Government of Jersey consultation and workshops in relation to the Marine Spatial Plan. The Panel agreed to keep abreast of the development of the Marine Spatial Plan and that it would be beneficial to request a further briefing once the consultation period had come to an end.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>5. States' Business</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the Draft Endangered Species (CITES) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-. <a href="#">[P.8/2023]</a> which was lodged by the Minister for the Environment on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 and is scheduled for States' debate on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Panel agreed that no further action was required.</p>	
<p><b>6. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted it was next due to meet for a visit to the Jersey Water de-salination plant on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am and the new Sewage Treatment Works on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 9.30am.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Robert Ward, Vice-Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
Apologies	Connétable Michael Jackson
In attendance	Helier Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Jersey Water Julie Taylor, Operations Director, Jersey Water Mark Manton, Head of Production Operations, Jersey Water Mark Bowden, Asset Manager, Jersey Water  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Roselyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Panel visit to Jersey Water La Rosière Desalination Plant</b></p> <p>The Panel visited Jersey Water La Rosière Desalination Plant and was received by Helier Smith (Chief Executive), Julie Taylor (Operations Director), Mark Manton (Head of Production Operations) and Mark Bowden (Asset Manager).</p> <p>The Panel received a tour of the Desalination Plant showing the process from where the sea water was pumped into the quarry pool before being pumped through different filters to desalinate the water. It was explained that once the desalination process was completed the fresh water was then pumped to Val de Mare reservoir where the water mixed with rainwater before being forwarded for treatment and then distributed across the Island.</p> <p>Mr. Smith offered the Panel a visit to the Handois reservoir water treatment works and the Officer was requested to arrange this for later in the year.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Robert Ward, Vice-Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat Connétable Michael Jackson
In attendance	Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure <i>[first 15 minutes only]</i> Duncan Berry, Head of Liquid Waste Management, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department Ellen Littlechild, Group Director - Operations and Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department Tom Le Gallais, Project Engineer, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department Tracy Mourant, Private Secretary to the Minister for Infrastructure  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Panel visit to Bellozanne Sewage Treatment Works</b></p> <p>The Panel visited Bellozanne Sewage Treatment Works and was received by the Minister for Infrastructure, Ellen Littlechild (Group Director – Operations and Transport), Duncan Berry (Head of Liquid Waste Management) and Tom Le Gallais (Project Engineer).</p> <p>The Panel was initially welcomed by the Minister for Infrastructure who explained that unfortunately due to other meeting commitments he would not be able to join the Panel for the tour of the facility.</p> <p>Government officers provided a tour of the Sewage Treatment Works during which the process of Jersey’s wastewater treatment was explained to the Panel.</p> <p>The visit came to an end and the Panel thanked officers for their time.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson
Apologies	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<b>Item 2 only</b>  Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities Natasha Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department  Monique Magalhaes, Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Briefing: housing legislation white paper</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for Housing and Communities and Natasha Day (Head of Housing and Regeneration) for a briefing on the proposed housing legislation white paper.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.</p>	
<p><b>3. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy Review</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed the proposed draft advisor engagement brief. It was agreed that the brief would be sent to prospective consulting firms as soon as the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy was published.</p>	<b>NH</b>
<p><b>4. Appointment of Vice-Chair</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the resignation of Deputy Robert Ward from the Panel and appointed Connétable Michael Jackson as Vice-Chair. The Panel agreed that a membership of four was desirable and that the Chair would gauge interest from States Members on whether a fourth member would like to join the Panel.</p>	



<p><b>5. Work Programme Timeline</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed the anticipated timeline of potential planned reviews for 2023. The work programme timeline had been produced based on planned workstreams of both policy and legislation that were anticipated to come to the States Assembly during 2023. The Panel noted its particular interest in the Marine Spatial Plan which was anticipated would be presented in December 2023, Food Safety Law and Commercial Vehicle Operator (secondary legislation).</p>	
<p><b>6. Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department - name change</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the recent correspondence from the Chief Officer of the Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department notifying the Panel of the intention to change the department's name to Infrastructure and Environment Department. It was noted that the Housing ministerial portfolio now sat within the newly formed Cabinet Office.</p>	
<p><b>7. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>Connétable Jackson noted that he would be unable to attend the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and the Chair was unsure if he would be able to attend. The Panel therefore agreed to cancel the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and noted that the next scheduled meeting was due to take place at 9:30am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<p><b>Item 2 only</b></p> <p>Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Alison de Bourcier, Head of Environmental and Consumer Protection, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department Robert Bowditch, Regulation Standards Manager (Housing and Nuisance), Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department</p> <p><b>Item 3 only</b></p> <p>Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities Natasha Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department</p> <p><b>Item 4 only</b></p> <p>Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure Louisa Phillips, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department Tristen Dodd, Director - Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department Craig Miller, Senior Public Transport Planner, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department</p> <p><b>Item 5 only</b></p> <p>Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Paul Chambers, Head of Marine Resources, Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department</p> <p>Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the record of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Briefing: Rented Dwellings Licensing Regulations</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for the Environment, Alison de Bourcier (Head of Environmental and Consumer Protection) and Robert Bowditch (Regulation</p>	

<p>Standards Manager Housing and Nuisance) for a briefing on the introduction of a Rented Dwelling Licensing Scheme.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.</p>	
<p><b>3. Public Quarterly Hearing - Minister for Housing and Communities</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for the upcoming hearing with the Minister for Housing and Communities scheduled for that morning.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	
<p><b>4. Briefing: Bus Development Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for Infrastructure, Louisa Phillips (Senior Policy Officer), Craig Miller (Senior Public Transport Planner) and Tristen Dodd (Director - Transport) for a briefing on the Bus Development Plan.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.</p>	
<p><b>5. Briefing: Marine Spatial Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for the Environment and Paul Chambers (Head of Marine Resources) for a briefing on the upcoming Marine Spatial Plan.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.</p>	
<p><b>6. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the imminent publication of the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy and discussed an expression of interest from an external consultancy for the role of expert advisor.</p>	
<p><b>7. States' Business</b></p> <p>The Panel considered the lodging of <a href="#">P.17/2023 – La Collette Waste Management Site – Development Plan</a> and recent email and report from SOS Jersey. It was agreed to consider the proposition at the upcoming States' debate scheduled for the States' week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 and that no further action was required at this time.</p>	
<p><b>8. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled formal meeting was due to take place at 9.30am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat Connétable David Johnson
Absent	
In attendance	Kellie Boydens, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Panel Member Appointment</b></p> <p>The Panel welcomed Connétable David Johnson to the meeting as a new member of the Panel. It was noted that Connétable Johnson had been appointed to the Panel during the States Assembly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the record of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.</p>	
<p><b>3. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the <a href="#">Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023 – 26</a> which had been published on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. The Panel discussed the contents of the strategy and identified a number of areas which could be considered as part of the review.</p> <p>The Panel received a number of draft letters to stakeholders, each including a list of questions and an invitation to provide a written submission to the Panel. The Panel approved the letters and requested that they were sent to stakeholders as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Panel recalled that the Officer had contacted a number of potential expert advisors for the review which had resulted in two interested parties. The Panel was advised that one of the prospective advisors had recently retracted their interest due to workload and other time pressured commitments. The Panel was advised the other prospective advisor (“Indepen”) was interested in undertaking the work. The Panel agreed that an initial meeting should be held with Indepen during its next informal meeting due to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Officer advised that the meeting would be confirmed in due course.</p> <p>The Panel discussed provisional dates for public hearings and agreed that, ideally, Wednesdays would be kept clear in the diary. The Panel also agreed that it would utilise the next quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure, scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023, to ask questions pertinent to its review.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>

**4. States' Business**

The Panel discussed the recent in-committee debate 'Improving Residential Tenancies in Jersey: Residential Tenancy Law Reform proposals'. The Panel agreed that it would monitor this workstream as part of its ongoing work programme.

The Panel noted that P.27/2023 'Draft F.B. Playing Fields (Jersey) Law 202-' had been lodged by the Minister for Infrastructure on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. The Panel noted that the purpose of the draft Law was to preserve the condition of use of F.B. Fields as playing fields for the use and benefit of the public. The Panel also noted that it provided for future development and modernisation enabling the creation of a community open recreation active space. The Panel agreed that no further work was necessary.

**5. Future Meetings**

The Panel noted that its next scheduled formal meeting was due to take place at 9.30am on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
Apologies	Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson
In attendance	<b>Item 2 only</b> David Elliott, Director, Indepen UK [via Microsoft Teams]  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Pre-interview meeting preparation</b>  The Panel met to prepare and review its questions ahead of an interview with potential expert advisor, David Elliott, of Indepen UK.	
<b>2. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Scrutiny Review - Interview with David Elliott (Indepen UK) for the role of expert advisor</b>  The Panel held an interview with David Elliott, Director of Indepen UK, a management consultancy company with expertise in waste management and policy.	
<b>3. Post-interview discussion</b>  Following a successful interview, the Panel was satisfied that Indepen UK had the right expertise to assist with its review of the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26. The Panel therefore agreed to engage David Elliott as expert advisor and the Officer was asked to prepare a draft contract for approval by the Greffier of the States.	<b>NH</b>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat Connétable David Johnson
In attendance	<b>Item 1 only</b> Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure Deputy Steve Ahier, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure Andrew Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department Ellen Littlechild, Group Director – Operations and Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Department Tim Daniels, Director – Property, Jersey Property Holdings, Infrastructure and Environment Department Tristen Dodd, Director - Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Department Louisa Phillips, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department  Monique Magalhaes, Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer Leila Osman, Communications Officer, States Greffe

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Public Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the question plan for the upcoming hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure scheduled for that morning.</p> <p>The Panel discussed some additional questioning it would add during the hearing, in particular some questions around roads and questioning as to whether the Minister planned to consider user pays systems for future liquid waste management.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	

<p><b>2. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that the review submission deadline was Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 9am and discussed a submission that had been received from a member of public. The Panel decided it would be beneficial to extend the review submission deadline to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Communications Officer was requested to communicate the new deadline to encourage more submissions via the social media post following the Quarterly Hearing.</p> <p>The Panel approved the list of information sought from the expert advisor to be requested from the Minister for Infrastructure via letter. The Officer was requested to send the letter to the Minister for Infrastructure with a deadline of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to provide the requested information by.</p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed that it would aim to organise a joint review hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Treasury and Resources followed directly by a review hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure.</p> <p>The Panel also discussed and agreed that it would dedicate some of its question plan for the upcoming public quarterly hearing with the Minister for the Environment to questioning on the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy.</p>	<p><b>LO</b></p> <p><b>RS</b></p>
<p><b>3. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled formal meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at 09:30am in the Le Capelain Room, States Building. As the Panel decided to extend the stakeholder submission deadline to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June the Officer was requested to organise an additional meeting for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	<p><b>RS</b></p>



# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Meeting held by video conference

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson
Apologies	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Rosalyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer Leila Osman, Communications Officer, States Greffe

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed submissions received from targeted key stakeholders and a member of the public. It was decided it would be beneficial to invite targeted stakeholders who had not responded to invite them to share their views by attending a public hearing instead of providing a written submission. The Officer was requested to liaise with stakeholders and keep the Panel informed of their response.</p> <p>The Panel discussed a letter of response from the Minister for Infrastructure which provided responses to the list of information sought from the expert advisor. The Officer advised the Panel that a copy of the response had been shared with the expert advisor who would prepare an initial briefing note to the Panel, along with suggested areas of further questioning for the public review hearings with the Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Treasury and Resources which were scheduled for Wednesday 28th May 2023.</p> <p>The Officer was asked to email the Minister for Infrastructure's private secretary to request information as to who and to what extent external contractors are called in to do maintenance or routine work on the Island's drainage system.</p>	<p><b>RS/NH</b></p> <p><b>NH</b></p> <p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>3. Work programme</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed to write to each Minister within its remit requesting an update on delivery plan timescales to best inform the Panel's own work programme.</p> <p>The Panel discussed a briefing paper on sports strategy and infrastructure forwarded by the Chair of the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel and the Panel agreed that, given other competing priorities, it would not be considering this as part of its own work programme at that time.</p>	<p><b>RS</b></p>

<p>The Panel discussed and noted the latest Government of Jersey news releases.</p>	
<p><b>4. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the lodging of P.40/2023 on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, scheduled for States' debate on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023. It was noted that the Panel had received comments from the Jersey Landlords' Association and other social housing landlords raising concerns around the proposed draft Regulations having potential unintended consequences. It was agreed that the Panel should provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share their concerns with the Panel to inform whether a proposed amendment(s) should be brought to the States Assembly.</p> <p>The timeline for this work was discussed, with it being noted that there was insufficient time available to gather stakeholder views and prepare a fully informed draft amendment prior to the amendment deadline of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023. It was agreed that, in the first instance, the Panel would question the Minister for the Environment on the proposed draft Regulations at the upcoming public quarterly hearing on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023. It was agreed that if, following the hearing, it was still felt necessary to undertake further scrutiny work, the Chair would write to the Minister to inform him of the decision to have P.40/2023 referred to the Panel under Standing Order 72.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>5. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 10:30am in the Le Capelain Room, States Building.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Present	Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat Connétable David Johnson
Apologies	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair
In attendance	Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Deputy Hilary Jeune, Assistant Minister for the Environment Kevin Pilley, Head of Place and Spatial Planning, Cabinet Office Lisette Jones, Senior Policy Officer - Sustainability and Foresight, Cabinet Office  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Roselyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Public Quarterly Hearing – Minister for the Environment</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for the upcoming hearing with the Minister for the Environment scheduled for that morning.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment, Deputy Hilary Jeune, Assistant Minister for the Environment and government officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hégarat
In attendance	<p><b>Item 2</b> Deputy Ian Gorst, Minister for Treasury and Resources Andrew Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department Andrew Hacquoil, Group Director – Strategic Finance, Treasury and Exchequer Department</p> <p><b>Item 3</b> Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure Deputy Steve Ahier, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure Andrew Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department Ellen Littlechild, Group Director – Operations and Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Department Duncan Berry, Head of Liquid Waste Management, Infrastructure and Environment Department Tom Le Gallais, Project Engineer, Infrastructure and Environment Department</p> <p><b>Items 1-4</b> David Elliott, Director, Indepen UK (Panel Expert Advisor) <i>[via Microsoft Teams]</i> David Baxter, Support Advisor, Indepen UK <i>[via Microsoft Teams]</i></p> <p><b>Item 5</b> Freddie Watson, Jersey Project Manager, Blue Marine Foundation Greg Morel, Director, Terra Mare Ltd</p> <p><b>Items 2-4</b> Leila Osman, Communications Officer, States Greffe  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Public Review Hearings – pre-hearing meeting with panel expert advisors</b></p> <p>The Panel met with expert advisors, David Elliott and David Baxter of Indepen UK to discuss their initial observations in relation to the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 and to discuss the associated question plans for the Panel's</p>	

<p>public review hearings scheduled with the Minister for Treasury and Resources and Minister for Infrastructure scheduled for later that day.</p>	
<p><b>2. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Scrutiny Review: Public Hearing with the Minister for Treasury and Resources</b></p> <p>The Panel received Deputy Ian Gorst, Minister for Treasury and Resources and government officers for a public review hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	
<p><b>3. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Scrutiny Review: Public Hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The Panel received Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure, Deputy Steve Ahier, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and government officers for a public review hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	
<p><b>4. Post-hearings debrief</b></p> <p>The Panel debriefed following the two public review hearings. The Officer was requested to liaise with the expert advisors in relation to any further follow-up questioning for the Minister for Infrastructure.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>5. Informal meeting with Blue Marine Foundation re the Marine Spatial Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel met with Freddie Watson (Blue Marine Foundation) and Greg Morel (Terra Mare Ltd) to hear their views on the Government of Jersey's Marine Spatial Plan which was currently under development.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 26.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Present	Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson <i>[via Microsoft Teams]</i> Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
Apologies	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair
In attendance	<b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities Natasha Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department Jack Norris, Policy Principal, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department Leila Osman, Communications Officer, States Greffe  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Roselyn Sharp, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Records of Meetings</b>	
The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on the 15 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2023.	<b>RS</b>
<b>2. Public Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Housing and Communities</b>	
The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for the upcoming hearing with the Minister for Housing and Communities scheduled for that morning.	
The Panel received Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.	
<b>3. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review</b>	
The Panel discussed its evidence gathering to date and it was noted that no further responses had been received from targeted stakeholders regarding the Panel's invitation to attend a public hearing. The Vice-Chair agreed to reach out to some industry contacts in a final attempt to stimulate any further responses.	
The Officer updated the Panel that that the expert advisor had met with officers from the Infrastructure and Environment Department the previous week and had requested sight of the Department's Pumping Station Asset Management Plan, in addition to the Strategic Outline Business Case for the upcoming Government Plan funding bid. The Panel was advised that the advisor's final report should be finalised by Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July with a view to a meeting being held with the advisor to discuss on Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July.	
<b>4. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b>	

<p>The Panel discussed <a href="#">P.40/2023</a> and agreed that it would be beneficial to organise meetings to gather stakeholder views in order to inform a comments paper and/or any proposed amendments to the proposition.</p> <p>The Panel discussed a letter to Government from the property industry and the Chief Minister's response. The Panel agreed it would contact the Jersey Estates' Agents Association to gather their views.</p>	<b>NH</b>
<p><b>5. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 10:30am via Microsoft Teams.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Mr John Rogers, SFE Waste Consulting (former Director General of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department)  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Informal meeting with John Rogers (SFE Waste Consulting) re Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Scrutiny Review</b></p> <p>The Panel met with John Rogers of SFE Waste Consulting and former Director General for the Government of Jersey's Infrastructure, Housing and Environment Department. The purpose of the meeting was to understand Mr Rogers' involvement in the development of the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 and his views on the proposed approach to addressing the Island's known issues of capacity and ageing sewerage and drainage network infrastructure.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption Article 26.</p>	



# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Guy Morris, Chair, Jersey Landlords' Association Roland Huelin, Deputy Chair, Jersey Landlords' Association Mark Cummins, Honorary Treasurer, Jersey Landlords' Association Jo Banks, Member, Jersey Landlords' Association  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Informal meeting with the Jersey Landlords' Association re Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel met with representatives from Jersey Landlords' Association (JLA) to further understand their concerns in respect of P.40/2023 which had been adopted, in principle, by the States Assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and referred to the Panel for further scrutiny under Standing Order 72 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those in attendance and explained that as the proposition had been adopted in principle by the States Assembly, the Panel's work would be targeted at exploring the possibility of lodging proposed amendments to the proposition where it was felt a strong case could be made.</p> <p>Mr Morris explained that membership of the JLA comprised 240 Jersey landlords and whilst the precise number of rental properties this amounted to was unknown, the last JLA annual survey, which had received a 50% response rate, indicated approximately 3,000 properties as a rough estimate of rental property belonging to those respondents.</p> <p>Mr Morris went on to summarise the key concerns which had been circulated by the JLA as a written submission to the panel prior to the meeting.</p> <p>It was stressed that an impact assessment had not been carried out on the potential impact and consequences the draft Regulations could have on landlords and the rental market generally.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the Minister had committed to providing a Code of Practice to accompany the draft Regulations after they would come into force, however, it was understood this was in preparation and might not be made available until January 2024 at the earliest, although the timeframe for this was still uncertain.</p>	

Concerns were also raised in respect of the fees associated with licensing and whilst the Minister for the Environment had made a commitment to the States Assembly not to increase fees beyond inflation, uncertainty remained regarding the possibility of successive Ministers being able to increase fees. In addition, there was uncertainty around the possibility that operating costs could increase in the future and thereby increasing fees disproportionality beyond annual inflationary rises. It was noted that there were currently six staff in post within the Environmental Health team of the Infrastructure and Environment Department who would be responsible for undertaking property inspections and it was unknown what these staff were doing currently if not tackling health and safety inspections on rented dwellings utilising existing legislation.

Mr Morris challenged the view that Government could not make use of existing legislation to determine where rented properties were given the requirements outlined in the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 to submit a change of address, as well as information on whether accommodation was rented out currently being captured in other ways, such as parish rates and income tax forms.

The provision of the draft Regulations to be able to withdraw a license to rent a property was also questioned by Mr Morris who contended that if a landlord was non-compliant with keeping the property in a suitable condition in the first place then there was a likelihood that they may just ignore the withdrawal of a license in any event. This would then still result in a criminal prosecution having to be pursued and which was already made possible by the current Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018.

It was Mrs Banks understanding that the Environmental Health team would be using the same Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) for inspections that was used in the UK. She had experienced this system first-hand with a UK property and viewed it as overly prescriptive and highly subjective. Some aspects were open to misinterpretation such as exposure to noise and lack of adequate lighting. It was noted that there was uncertainty around how this rating system would work in practice in Jersey and how the system would be reviewed to ensure that it was achieving the aims of the law and without resulting in unnecessary consequences.

It was also discussed that there appeared to be a disconnect between newer properties in Jersey which had received building bye law approval but had failed certain aspects of a health and safety inspection.

Mr Cummins raised concerns regarding landlords being required to 'self-certify' and questioned how this would work in practice as well as the risk to landlords if an unintended misrepresentation was made. It was stressed that individual landlords would not necessarily have the expertise to be able to self-certify and the possibility of this incurring additional cost and delay by instructing a building surveyor to undertake the risk assessment on their behalf. It was the JLA's preference not to adopt a self-certification process. Alternatively, it was discussed that there would need to be an amendment to the proposition which specified in detail what was needed to comply when self-certifying.

It was highlighted that some health and safety hazards may be beyond the landlord's control. For example, mould caused by the tenant's living conditions such as not ensuring adequate heating and ventilation of the property.

Mr Huelin stressed that the combined pressures of cost of living, interest rates and increased regulation was creating uncertainty in the market and posed a real risk of landlords leaving the market and either selling their property or properties remaining empty.

The JLA raised concern regarding Article 3(5) of the draft Regulations which stated that *“the licence is subject to the standard licence conditions set out in the Schedule and may contain additional requirements that the Minister thinks fit.”* The scope to contain additional requirements that the “Minister thinks fit” was thought to create too much uncertainty for the licence holder and granted too much power to the Minister.

The JLA also raised concerns regarding Schedule 2, condition 2(e) which stated that *“The licence holder must ensure that the Minister is notified of the following changes within 28 days of their occurring... (e) any other change in circumstances that could lead to the Minister withdrawing the licence.”* It was the JLA’s view that this should be removed as it was too ambiguous and gave too much power to the Minister.

The JLA also suggested that changes should be made in respect of the ‘right of appeal’ which currently only provided for appeal to the Minister or through Judicial Review. It was suggested an appeal process similar to that provided for in the Motor Traffic (Jersey) Law 1935 which also allowed for an appeal to the Royal Court. The rationale for this being that it would acknowledge that the withdrawal of a license could have a significant impact on an individual’s livelihood. The Panel queried whether there should be alternative, cheaper means of appeal similar to the Planning process, as it was acknowledged that an appeal to the Royal Court would be an expensive process.

Mr Morris explained that there was also uncertainty with how landlords may be dealt with where they owned and rented out a property which was flying freehold or share transfer. The example was given of where a landlord rented out a top floor flat which had water coming in from the roof which would be a common area with multiple owners liable to pay for the roof repairs. It was uncertain how this would be dealt with and how it might impact on the landlord renting out the property.

In closing, Mr Morris stated that, should the draft Regulations be adopted by the States Assembly, then it was considered vitally important that Government should publish an annual report on how the scheme was operating in practice and whether it was doing what it set out to achieve. This type of report could contain detail on how many inspections had been carried out over the period of a year, the reason for the inspection and what the outcomes of the inspections were, as well as the number and types of breaches which were recorded. By reporting on how the scheme was operating in practice would also flag up any unintended consequences that the scheme might have and to be able to suitably assess whether any such consequences outweighed the intended benefits.

The Officer was requested to provide printed copies to the Panel of the Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) 2018 law and subordinate Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings – Minimum Standards and Prescribed Hazards) (Jersey) Order 2018.

It was agreed to schedule a further meeting with the JLA as the Panel continued with its review of the draft Regulations and if potential amendments were being

considered. The JLA would reach out to its members, particularly smaller landlords, encouraging them to make a representation to the Panel.	
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The Panel thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting was closed.	
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# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<p><b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Deputy Hilary Jeune, Assistant Minister for the Environment Louise Magris, Acting Group Director of Strategy and Innovation, Cabinet Office Thomas Holvey, Chief Economic Advisor, Department for the Economy Steve Skelton, Offshore Wind Project Lead, Cabinet Office <i>[via Microsoft Teams]</i></p> <p><b>Item 3 only</b> David Elliott, Director, Indepen <i>[via Microsoft Teams]</i></p> <p>Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Elaine Crawford, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<b>1. Records of Meetings</b>	
The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on the 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	<b>EC</b>
<b>2. Briefing: Offshore Wind</b>	
The Panel received the Minister for the Environment, Assistant Minister for the Environment and government officers for a briefing on offshore wind policy development.	
The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.	
<b>3. Meeting with Indepen re Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Scrutiny Review: advisor's report</b>	
The Panel met with its expert advisor, David Elliott of Indepen UK, to discuss his advisor report on the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26. Mr Elliott gave the Panel an overview of his findings and suggested recommendations and further outlined how these had been compiled using a 'RAG' (red, amber green) rating system.	
The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 36.	
<b>4. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review</b>	
The Panel discussed its evidence gathering for the review to date, as well as the findings and recommendations of the advisor's report.	

<p>It was agreed that the Officer should prepare and circulate a draft Heads of Report for consideration of how the Panel's own report would be framed.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>5. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed its review of <a href="#">P.40/2023</a> and its meeting held the previous day with Jersey Landlords' Association. It was agreed that further meetings would be held with targeted stakeholders during August and September 2023. The Officer was requested to liaise with Citizens' Advice Jersey, affordable housing providers and other identified industry stakeholders to invite them to meet with the Panel and to inform the evidence gathering for the Panel's review of the draft Regulations.</p> <p>The Officer was further requested to research whether data was available on the demand for rental properties in Jersey.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p> <p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>6. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that it was scheduled to visit Handois Reservoir on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, however, owing to member availability, the Officer was requested to liaise with Jersey Water to reschedule the visit until later on in August or September 2023.</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next formal scheduled meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 09:30am in the Le Capelain Room.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable David Johnson
Apologies	Connétable Michael Jackson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Paul Chambers, Head of Marine Resources, Infrastructure and Environment Department  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Elaine Crawford, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Briefing: Upcoming draft amendments to fisheries-related legislation and general update on marine matters</b></p> <p>The Panel received Paul Chambers (Head of Marine Resources) for an informal officer briefing on various upcoming draft amendments to fisheries-related legislation which were currently in the law drafting stage.</p> <p>The Panel was also updated on other marine matters such as: the vessel replacement scheme, fisheries management measures and stock size, as well as the current status of the Marine Spatial Plan which was still under development.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

### Meeting held by electronic mail

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review – Draft Heads of Report</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed a draft Heads of Report which provided an outline of the proposed headings and structure of the report based on the review’s terms of reference and the evidence gathered during its review.</p>	



# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<p><b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure Ellen Littlechild, Group Director - Operations &amp; Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Department Tim Daniels, Director - Jersey Property Holdings, Infrastructure and Environment Department Tristen Dodd, Head of Transport, Highways and Infrastructure, Infrastructure and Environment Department</p> <p>Leila Osman, Communications Officer, States Greffe Isabelle Griffiths, Communications Officer, States Greffe</p> <p><b>Item 4 only</b> Al McClenahan, Local Authority Outreach Lead, Justice for Tenants UK</p> <p><b>Item 5 only</b> Claire Mulcahy, Chief Executive Officer, Citizens' Advice Jersey</p> <p>Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Alexander Cameron, Research and Project Officer <i>[Items 1-3, 5 only]</i></p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Public Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for the upcoming hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure scheduled for that morning.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	
<p><b>3. Briefing: Marine Spatial Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel was due to receive the Minister for the Environment and Officers for a briefing update on the Marine Spatial Plan at 1:00pm. However, the Officer informed the Panel that the briefing had been postponed until the consultation draft had been finalised.</p>	
<p><b>4. Informal meeting with Justice for Tenants UK</b></p>	

The Panel received Al McClenahan for a meeting in relation to the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulation 202- [\[P.40/2023\]](#) and to learn about his role with Justice for Tenants UK, as well as how the licensing of rented dwellings worked in the UK.

Following the meeting, the Panel agreed to engage the consultancy services of Justice for Tenants UK to provide a written evaluation of the benefits and challenges of licensing based on the UK experience. In addition, to identify areas of the proposed draft Regulations which would benefit from clarification and/or amendment to ensure proportionality and enhance enforcement.

#### **5. Informal meeting with Citizens' Advice Jersey**

The Panel received Claire Mulcahy, Chief Executive Officer ('CEO') of Citizens' Advice Jersey ('CAJ'), for a meeting in relation to the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulation 202- [\[P.40/2023\]](#). The Panel began the meeting by thanking the CEO for taking time to speak with the Panel.

Firstly, the CEO indicated that CAJ had observed a notable shift in its role over the last 18 months, transitioning from supporting only low-income individuals to assisting a broader demographic. CAJ had noticed several reports of landlords failing to utilise rental deposit schemes and tenants encountering issues concerning the quality of rented accommodation. In some cases, it was considered that landlords had behaved inappropriately.

The Panel asked whether CAJ had assisted tenants in taking landlords to court. The CEO confirmed that they had, with the time spent doing so varying from a few days to prolonged cases reaching the petty debts court, which demanded significant manpower. The CEO noted that the primary offenders were individual landlords, though there were particular difficulties with a specific housing provider.

The CEO and the Panel discussed the proposed licensing scheme, touching upon a recent incident involving a conflict between a landlord and tenant, in which both the landlord and the letting agency were in communication with the tenant and this was applying an unnecessary amount of pressure on the tenant by having to deal with multiple parties. The CEO also addressed the change in the perception of CAJ's role, acknowledging that while they naturally encountered more tenants, it was encouraging to see various parties including landlords and agencies approaching them for advice.

The CEO pinpointed the poor condition of many rental properties as a primary concern. The CEO also highlighted a noticeable disparity in the quality and details of many tenancy agreements. The Panel and the CEO explored the idea of a standardised template to mitigate the issues arising from poorly drafted agreements. It was noted that a standard tenancy agreement template was in existence, but that public knowledge of this was perhaps not widespread.

Further, the Panel considered the potential lack of knowledge of rights or for misunderstandings to occur when English was not the tenant's first language. The CEO mentioned that, in Jersey, community networks often helped in communicating such issues. However, lodgers were considered to be perhaps more vulnerable. The CEO strongly suggested that any proposed licensing regulations should treat the rights of lodgers no differently from other tenants.

Discussing compliance with the proposed licensing scheme, the CEO underscored the necessity for clarity in new requirements and benefits to both parties, alongside effective communication and a clear framework of advice and guidance for tenants and landlords.

The CEO also addressed concerns surrounding the adherence to tenancy deposit schemes, suggesting that tenants should have been notified when deposits were placed to ensure compliance. It was considered that while it was an “automatic level 3” failure within the current legislation to not place a deposit in the scheme, that there was little incentive for tenants to pursue this route as any potential fine did not necessarily provide the return of their deposit.

*Constable Michael Jackson left the meeting at this stage.*

The CEO expressed concerns regarding the escalating volume of clients seeking their services, describing the increase as "almost backbreaking". They pointed out the growing yearly count, anticipating nearly 20,000 clients that year, as CAJ was unique in its service as a comprehensive resource in the charity sector in Jersey.

The Panel queried whether the potential role of a Public Services Ombudsman may be beneficial, to which the CEO responded that while it could be helpful, individuals were still likely to approach CAJ before contacting an ombudsman as CAJ was the only service that guided clients on many multi-faceted matters from the first point of contact through to signposting and full resolution of their query.

The CEO raised concerns around lack of partnership and communication experienced by some Government departments. The CEO cited one particular incident where a Government-approved communication was distributed Island-wide which cited CAJ as a resource should recipients have any further questions, however CAJ were not consulted on this and so were not able to prepare ahead of such time, resulting in unnecessary strain on resourcing.

The CEO further highlighted issues related to work permits and immigration, noting instances where individuals were advised to leave the island despite having ongoing legal cases. The CEO stressed that individuals on visas were not having their rights upheld and were often dismissed without appropriate legal advice or support.

Before concluding, the CEO emphasised the need for any forthcoming regulations to thoroughly consider potential consequences and the necessary support systems, stressing that CAJ had supported more people despite receiving less funding compared to other Government-funded services. It was suggested that a portion of the license fee should be diverted to CAJ, who would be the first point of contact that Islanders would turn to for issues relating to standards of rental accommodation. This was currently the case with a portion of the fee levied for the MyDeposits scheme which was used to fund the services of CAJ for this purpose. It was further suggested that it should be a condition of a landlord being granted a license that they register any tenancy deposits with MyDeposits.

The Panel thanked the CEO for her time and the meeting concluded.

#### **6. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review**

The Panel received an update from the Officer on the drafting of the Panel’s report in relation to the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review.

The Officer informed the Panel that report writing had started and provided the Panel with a possible timeline for presentation. It was further informed that there were several competing priorities, but that the Panel would be kept updated on progress.

#### **7. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]**

<p>The Panel noted and discussed a schedule of meeting dates with targeted stakeholders in relation to Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- <a href="#">[P.40/2023]</a>. The Panel agreed that it was important to remain on-track as the timeline progressed as the review would need to be completed prior to the States' debate commencing on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.</p>	
<p><b>8. Proposed Government Plan 2024-27 Scrutiny Review</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the upcoming lodging date for the Proposed Government Plan 2024-27 of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Officer advised on the anticipating timings for receipt of relevant information from Government and associated briefings for members.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to wait until the Plan was lodged before it decided how to proceed.</p>	
<p><b>9. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the potential to review utility infrastructure on-Island, with a particular focus on gas and energy. The Panel agreed to write to the Minister for Infrastructure to request further information relating to how the gas network was inspected and what discussions were taking place between Government and Island Energy regarding the future of gas energy, considering the current drive to net-zero.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to draft a letter to the Minister for the Chair's approval.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>10. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that it was scheduled to visit Handois Water Treatment Works on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, as well as a meeting with Andium Homes later that day.</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next formal scheduled meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 09:30am in the Blampied Room.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair <i>[item 2 only]</i> Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<b>Item 1 only</b> Helier Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Jersey Water Julie Taylor, Operations Director, Jersey Water Patrick Oakes O'Connor, Head of Production Operations, Jersey Water Mark Manton, Head of Governance, Jersey Water  <b>Item 2 only</b> Carl Mavity, Executive Lead – Digital & Strategy, Andium Homes  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Elaine Crawford, Research and Project Officer <i>[item 2 only]</i>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Visit to Handois Reservoir Water Treatment Works with Jersey Water</b></p> <p>The Panel received a tour of the Water Treatment Works at Handois Reservoir by senior representatives of Jersey Water. The purpose of the visit was to learn about the water treatment process in Jersey.</p>	
<p><b>2. Meeting with Andium Homes in relation to the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023] Scrutiny Review</b></p> <p>The Panel received Carl Mavity, Executive Lead - Digital &amp; Strategy for Andium Homes for a meeting in relation to the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulation 202- <a href="#">[P.40/2023]</a>.</p> <p>Mr Mavity began by advising that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andium Homes was owned by the public.</li> <li>• Rent was pitched 20% lower than the private sector.</li> <li>• Rents policy for Andium Homes was capped at 4% even if RPI was higher than this.</li> <li>• Andium Homes was a member of the Rent Safe <a href="#">Landlords accreditation scheme (Rent Safe) (gov.je)</a>.</li> <li>• 92% of Andium's housing stock meets the UK Decent Home Standards.</li> <li>• 47% of rents received by Andium Homes was returned to the Treasury &amp; Exchequer department per annum.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Mavity advised that Andium Homes was supportive of initiatives to raise property standards, however, raised areas of concern regarding the draft Regulations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of the proposed licensing scheme would equate to around £150,000</li> </ul>	

per annum for Andium Homes. This would result in less money being available to build more homes and maintain existing ones.

- Andium Homes rents were capped at 4% irrespective of RPI, the current business model could therefore not support the extra cost of the licensing fee.
- It was Andium's view that the fees which would be charged for the proposed licensing scheme would offer no value to their tenants.
- There would also be additional layers in terms of reporting that would add to Andium's administrative burden.
- The Government of Jersey was already aware of the location of its properties (one of the main arguments for the introduction of a licensing scheme being that it would enable Government to identify which properties were rented).

It was discussed that one of the Minister for the Environment's main arguments for including social housing providers in the proposed licensing scheme was to create a level playing field. However, it was Andium's view that a level playing field was already unachievable for social housing providers due to their status as non-profit organisations. Specifically, for Andium Homes, which paid for adaptations to properties for tenants with medical needs; provided property for charities free of charge; and also offered a tenancy sustainment service, the aim of which was to help tenants in rental arrears or with other difficulties avoid eviction.

The Panel asked whether Andium Homes had any views regarding the rights of appeal as proposed under the draft Regulations. Mr Mavity stated that the establishment of a Housing Tribunal would be a good initiative to resolve a number of property-related issues, including licence-related appeals.

The Panel thanked Mr Mavity for his time and the meeting ended.

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

### Meeting held by electronic mail

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023] Scrutiny Review – Draft Scoping Document</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed a draft Scoping Document and associated budget for its review of P.40/2023.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to circulate the Scoping Document and budget onto the Scrutiny Liaison Committee for its consideration and approval.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Present	Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
Apologies	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair
In attendance	<p><b>Item 2 only</b> Advocate Charles Thacker, Chair of Christians Together in Jersey Housing Trust Steve Van Neste, Chief Executive, Brunel Management on behalf of Jersey Homes Trust</p> <p><b>Item 3 only</b> David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities Jack Norris, Policy Principal, Cabinet Office Natasha Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Cabinet Office Carry Cudlipp, Private Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Communities</p> <p>Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Elaine Crawford, Research and Project Officer <i>[Items 1-3 only]</i></p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Informal meeting with Christians Together in Jersey Housing Trust and Jersey Homes Trust regarding the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel received Advocate Charles Thacker, Chair of the Christians Together in Jersey Housing Trust, and Steve Van Neste, Chief Executive of Brunel Management (on behalf of Jersey Homes Trust), for an informal meeting to discuss their concerns in relation to the draft Regulations.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption 26.</p>	
<p><b>3. Briefing: Assisted Home Ownership Scheme</b></p> <p>The Panel received the Minister for Housing and Communities and Officers for a briefing on the Assisted Home Ownership Scheme which was due to be launched later that month.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption 35.</p>	



<p><b>4. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p>	
<p>The Panel noted and discussed the scheduled meetings with targeted stakeholders in relation to Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- <a href="#">[P.40/2023]</a>.</p>	
<p>The Panel further noted the confirmed date for the public quarterly hearing with the Minister for the Environment on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 which would include questioning on the Panel's review of the draft Regulations.</p>	
<p><b>5. Proposed Government Plan 2024-27 Scrutiny Review</b></p>	
<p>The Panel noted the Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027 was lodged in the States on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and that a technical briefing was planned for Members on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Panel was advised they would receive a hardcopy of the Proposed Government Plan within the next week.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>6. Commercial Vehicle Operators Licence Scheme</b></p>	
<p>The Panel discussed the Commercial Vehicle Operator Licensing Scheme and an email which had been forwarded to the Panel from the Parish of St. Saviour raising concerns over potential unintended consequences. It was agreed to question the Minister for Infrastructure on this matter at the next public quarterly hearing in November.</p>	
<p><b>7. Future Meetings</b></p>	
<p>The Panel noted it was scheduled to meet with the Jersey Landlords' Association (smaller landlords) on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and that a further meeting was scheduled with Ben Beadle, Chief Executive of the UK National Residential Landlords' Association, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p>	
<p><b>8. Any Other Business</b></p>	
<p>The Panel discussed queries it had relating to the condition and inspection regime of the Island's gas infrastructure. It was agreed to write to the Minister for Infrastructure to request further information regarding how the gas network was inspected and what discussions were taking place with Island Energy. The Officer was requested to draft a letter accordingly for the Chair's approval.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Present	Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson
Apologies	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<p><b>Item 1 only</b> Sir Mark Boleat (<i>via Microsoft Teams</i>)</p> <p><b>Item 2 only</b> Alyson Dodes, Member, Jersey Landlords' Association Clifford Baudains, Member, Jersey Landlords' Association Neil Campbell, Member, Jersey Landlords' Association Peter Colback, Member, Jersey Landlords' Association Sandra Genée, Member, Jersey Landlords' Association Stephanie Constantine, Member, Jersey Landlords' Association Thelma Heard, Member, Jersey Landlords' Association</p> <p>Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Elaine Crawford, Research and Project Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Meeting with Sir Mark Boleat regarding the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel met with Sir Mark Boleat to discuss the key points contained within his <a href="#">written submission</a> to its review of the draft Regulations.</p> <p>Following the meeting, the Panel requested that the officer circulate the number of individual units owned by each social housing provider.</p>	<b>NH</b>
<p><b>2. Meeting with the Jersey Landlords' Association (small landlords) regarding the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel met with members of the Jersey Landlords' Association to understand the potential personal and commercial impact of the draft Regulations on smaller landlords.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Absolute Exemption 26.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Present	Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson
Apologies	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Ben Beadle, Chief Executive, UK National Residential Landlords' Association Guy Morris, Chair, Jersey Landlords' Association Rowland Huelin, Vice Chair, Jersey Landlords' Association Mark Cummins, Honorary Treasurer, Jersey Landlords' Association  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Elaine Crawford, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Meeting with the Chief Executive of the UK National Residential Landlords' Association</b></p> <p>The Panel met with the Chief Executive of the UK National Residential Landlords' Association (NRLA) and representatives from the Jersey Landlords' Association (JLA) who were hosting Mr Beadle in the Island that day. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the key challenges faced by the licensing of rental property in the UK and to inform its review of the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023].</p> <p>In summary, the Panel heard that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Although licensing starts from being well-intentioned it was a concern for landlords in the UK.</li><li>• It was the NRLA's view that there was no evidence to show that licensing was having a positive impact on driving improvement in rental property conditions.</li><li>• In England and Wales, around 50% of Local Authorities had never issued a civil penalty.</li><li>• There was an inconsistent approach to implementation and different rules between different Local Authorities.</li></ul> <p>A further discussion took place regarding the need for clear guidelines for landlords and the publication of a code of practice to accompany the draft Regulations.</p> <p>In addition, the need for quarterly reporting by Government regarding how enforcement action would be taken, how revenue from the licensing fees would be spent and what benefits to driving improvement in property conditions would bring.</p>	

The Panel thanked Mr Beadle and representatives from the JLA for their time and the meeting ended.	
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# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

### Meeting held by electronic mail

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027 Review – Draft Scoping Document, Terms of Reference and Digital and Public Engagement Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed a draft Scoping Document, Terms of Reference and Digital and Public Engagement Plan for its review of the Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to seek approval of the budget from the Scrutiny Liaison Committee prior to the review's launch which was scheduled for later that week.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023] – Proposed Amendments and Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Panel met to discuss the evidence gathered through its review of the draft Regulations and to agree nine potential amendments. The Panel further discussed areas of the draft Regulations it wished to make recommendations to the Minister for the Environment in the form of a comments paper to the States Assembly.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to seek clarification from the Law Officers' Department in respect of one proposed amendment and to issue law drafting instructions to the Legislative Drafting Office accordingly.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p> <p><b>NH</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<p><b>Item 1 only</b> Carl Mavity, Executive Lead – Chief Strategy and Compliance Officer, Andium Homes Peter Le Gresley – Head of Placemaking, Andium Homes Darren Hodges – Project Manager Commissioning, Andium Homes Dean de Mouilpied – Project Manager Commissioning, Andium Homes Dominique Counce – Executive Lead – Client Services, Andium Homes Jonathan Gough – Executive Lead – Regeneration and Sustainability, Andium Homes</p> <p><b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Deputy Hilary Jeune, Assistant Minister for the Environment Kelly Whitehead, Group Director – Regulation, Infrastructure and Environment Paul Chambers, Head of Marine Resources, Infrastructure and Environment Mark Richardson, Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Ministerial Office</p> <p>Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer [item 1 only] Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer [item 2 only]</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Site visits and private meeting with Andium Homes</b></p> <p>The Panel met with Andium Homes to discuss the company's business plan and to visit various housing developments in the north of St Helier, including Cyril Le Marquand Court.</p> <p>This meeting was held in private in accordance with Article 26 the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) and a private record was taken.</p>	
<p><b>2. Public Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for the Environment</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for its public quarterly hearing with the Minister for the Environment.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment, Deputy Hilary Jeune, Assistant Minister for the Environment and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023] Scrutiny Review – Draft Amendments</b></p> <p>The Panel met to discuss and agree a first draft of its proposed amendments to the draft Regulations. The Panel considered and agreed the following nine amendments and accompanying reports:</p> <p><b>Second amendment: inclusion of lodging houses within the draft regulations</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed the amendment and report as drafted.</p> <p><b>Third amendment: define when a licence application is considered to have been made and additional requirements for application – must be made and signed by dwelling owner</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed the amendment and report as drafted.</p> <p><b>Fourth amendment: replace the word “may” with “must” in Regulation 3(1)</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed the amendment and report as drafted.</p> <p><b>Fifth amendment: clarify provision for licences to be granted subject to any necessary remedial works being carried out within a defined timeframe</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed the amendment and report with one minor revision to the page and paragraph numbering of the amendment.</p> <p><b>Sixth amendment: remove condition 2(e) from the Schedule of standard licence conditions (Regulation 3(5))</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed the amendment and report with one minor revision to the page number specified on the amendment.</p> <p><b>Seventh amendment: remove scope for additional conditions to be placed on licences at the Minister’s discretion</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed the amendment and report as drafted.</p> <p><b>Eighth amendment: exemption of licensing fees for social housing providers</b></p>	

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<p>The Panel considered and agreed the amendment and report as drafted.</p> <p><b>Ninth amendment: initial review by Minister and Royal Court appeals process</b></p> <p>The Panel requested additional wording be added to the proposed amendment wording in keeping with same provision contained within Article 11 of the Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Jersey) Law 2018. The Officer advised that a revised draft of the amendment wording would be circulated for the Panel’s final approval the following day.</p> <p><b>Tenth amendment: remove references to “licence holder” and replace with “owner” (and clarify that Regulation 2(3) applies to the owner)</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed the amendment and report as drafted.</p> <p>The Officer updated the Panel on the drafting of a comments paper, a first draft of which would be circulated within the next few days.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>NH</p>
<p><b>2. Consideration of Panel Name Change</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed <a href="#">R.149/2023</a> which provided notice to amend the ministerial office of Minister for the Environment to "Minister for Energy and Environment" and considered whether the Panel should also change its name to incorporate 'Energy'.</p> <p>After a short deliberation the Panel agreed its existing name of Environment, Housing and Infrastructure should remain unchanged.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<b>Item 2 only</b> Paul Chambers, Head of Marine Resources, Infrastructure and Environment Department Francis Binney, Marine Scientist, Marine Resources, Infrastructure and Environment Department  <b>Items 1, 3-5 only</b> Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer  Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Briefing: Marine Spatial Plan</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the key issues which were likely to be raised during the forthcoming Government consultation and agreed that a review of the Marine Spatial Plan should be added to the Panel's work programme for the first quarter of 2024 when it was anticipated the final document would be published. The Officer was requested to start the review scoping process, including researching of potential expert advisors.</p> <p>The Panel received government officers for a briefing on the Marine Spatial Plan.</p> <p>The record of this meeting was classified as exempt in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) under Qualified Exemption Article 35.</p>	<b>NH/AT</b>
<p><b>3. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the lodging of its amendments to P.40/2023 and discussed the procedure for the forthcoming States' debate.</p> <p>The Panel approved its draft comments paper and requested that this be presented to the States Assembly on or before 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to seek further information on procedural matters relating to the debate on P.40/2023 and the order in which the amendments would be taken during the debate.</p>	<b>NH</b>

**4. States Business**

The Panel noted the forthcoming debate on the Draft Sea Fisheries (Vessel Monitoring Systems) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. [P.68/2023] and the Chair's role as main respondent.

The Panel further noted the deferral of the debate on the Draft Planning and Building (Commencement of No. 8 Amendment Law) (Jersey) Act 202-. [P.71/2023] until early 2024.

The lodging of the Draft Planning and Building (Conservation Areas) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.83/2023] was further noted, and that the Panel would receive a briefing on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, prior to the earliest States debate of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**5. Future Meetings**

The Panel noted that its next scheduled meetings were due to take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 09:30am in the Le Capelain Room and would include briefings on gas infrastructure and the Draft Planning and Building (Conservation Areas) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.83/2023], as well as a Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Housing and Communities.

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair [Item 3 only] Connétable David Johnson [Item 1 and 3 only] Deputy Mary Le Hégarat
In attendance	<p><b>Item 1 only</b> Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure Andrew Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department Louise Magris, Director for Housing, Environment and Placemaking, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance, Cabinet Office Emelita Robbins, Strategic Adviser and Project Manager, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance, Cabinet Office</p> <p><b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities Jack Norris, Policy Principal, Cabinet Office Natasha Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration, Cabinet Office</p> <p><b>Item 3 only</b> Kevin Pilley, Head of Place and Spatial Planning, Cabinet Office Tracey Ingle, Principal Planner - Historic Environment, Infrastructure and Environment Department</p> <p>Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer [Items 1 and 3 only] Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer [Items 1 and 2 only]</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Gas Infrastructure – private briefing</b></p> <p>The Panel met with the Minister for Infrastructure and Officers to discuss Jersey’s gas infrastructure.</p> <p>This meeting was held in private in accordance with Article 26 the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended) and a private record was taken.</p>	
<p><b>2. Public Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Housing and Communities</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for its public quarterly hearing with the Minister for Housing and Communities.</p> <p>The Panel received Deputy David Warr, Minister for Housing and Communities and Officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	

### **3. Draft Planning and Building (Conservation Areas) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.83/2023] – briefing**

The Panel met with the Head of Place and Spatial Planning and Principal Planner, Historic Environment, to discuss the Draft Planning and Building (Conservation Areas) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.83/2023].

The Head of Place and Spatial Planning explained that the proposal for conservation areas had first been suggested following the 1987 Island Plan. To date, the legal framework had not been developed but the amendment made to the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002<sup>1</sup> at Article 56A in April last year had allowed for conservation areas and associated secondary legislation to be brought forward.

It was confirmed to the Panel that the regulations, which had been lodged with the States Assembly, would be unaffected by challenges to Draft Planning and Building (Commencement of No. 8 Amendment Law) (Jersey) Act 202-.<sup>2</sup> and that some elements of the Amendment had already been given legal effect.

Article 56A had changed the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law to allow conservation areas to be brought forward and designated by order. The Bridging Island Plan also contained proposals to develop the legal framework necessary for Conservation Areas. This legal framework included: the process for designation – providing a new order to establish how this would be done; and revision to an existing order (the General Development Order) to provide greater powers for controlling works in conservation areas, similar to those which were applied to listed buildings, but not as extensive.

It was explained that listings for individual buildings would remain in place. A conservation area designation would cover a specific area. The proposed powers would control works to the exterior of buildings in a conservation area – whether listed or not – but would not control works to the interior of buildings which are not individually listed.

A conservation area appraisal would be an assessment of the collective value of a specific area. There was currently no ability to control works, such as changes to roads or open spaces, that would affect a wider area.

The idea of conservation areas was to protect the character or architectural identity of an area – such as the Victorian architecture at Havre des Pas or historic areas of St Helier. It is intended to cover areas where there was a clear sense of character. The designation process would seek to identify the relevant characteristics so that they could be protected and enhanced.

The second article of the regulations would, if approved by the States Assembly, give the Minister the power to make funds available, in the form of a grant or loan, for the protection of the character or appearance of land or building in a conservation area. This was subject to funds being available. The officers stated that there had been no grant scheme since 2009 but, should funding be available, the regulation provided the vires to use it for this purpose.

The criteria for designation would require an area to have a cohesive character that is worth protecting or improving. This could be a landscape and, potentially, areas with no

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<sup>1</sup> [Planning and Building \(Jersey\) Law 2002 \(jerseylaw.je\)](http://jerseylaw.je)

<sup>2</sup> [Draft Planning and Building \(Commencement of No. 8 Amendment Law\) \(Jersey\) Act 202- \(gov.je\)](http://gov.je)

listed buildings. However, it was stated that, in Jersey, the historic character was likely to be derived from areas where there was an existing concentration of listed buildings.

The Panel asked for information about what would trigger a requirement for change in a conservation area. For instance, whether when street lighting was being changed, a designation would mean that a like for like replacement could be refused in favour of a more sympathetic replacement. It was stated that if something was in place before the designation it could remain until it was time to change it and may not be able to replace it like for like.

Officers stated that the art of developing conservation areas was in working in partnership with the communities and relevant bodies about how improvements could be made.

It was acknowledged that more sympathetic options could be more expensive. However, the intention was that the authorities and community would need to come together to find a solution and to move the debate on from the financial cost to the value of the improvement to the community.

The Panel raised the concern that the potential for increased costs could cause a tension between parish and central government. There was further discussion about the possibility of using regeneration funds and funding partnerships.

The Panel also asked whether there would be an impact on the level of planning applications and the ability of the department to cope with this workload. Officers stated that a small increase was likely but that it would be for a finite list of areas which would be designated and form part of a definitive list. Changes would also be incremental with not all designations happening at once. It was unlikely that more than one designation would happen per year. The first designation would be taken slowly to that the process worked well and that there was a value to it. When the process was up and running it was hoped that it could be quicker.

The Panel was advised that the Minister for the Environment wished to go out to consultation on the changes to General Development Orders. It was hoped that all those elements would be concluded by the end of the year, providing the legal framework and ensuring that people would know what the designation process would be before it began.

St Aubin was being viewed as the pilot and engagement with residents and the first designation was intended to happen in the first 3-6 months of 2024. Smaller designations could then run concurrently but officers were keen to see how the first designation went. The officers reiterated the need for good engagement at the outset of the process to ensure that communities valued the process rather than a designation being enforced.

The Panel thanked officers for their time, the briefing came to a close and officers left the meeting.

The Panel requested the officer prepare a short comments paper on the draft Regulations for the Panel's consideration at a future meeting.

**AT**

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

### Meeting held by video conference

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Eloise Layzell, Legislative Drafter, Legislative Drafting Office Zoe Rillstone, Legislative Drafter, Legislative Drafting Office  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]: Approach to a Proposed Eleventh Amendment</b></p> <p>The Panel met with officers from the Legislative Drafting Office to discuss and agree the best way forward in resolving various incompatibilities which had been identified with its proposed amendments to the draft Regulations.</p> <p>The Legislative Drafters conveyed that a proposed solution would be to lodge an eleventh amendment which would encompass global changes which could be mutually agreed between the Minister for the Environment and the Panel. These global changes would include provision for the Panel's proposed third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth amendments. If agreement could be reached between the Panel and the Minister on a proposed eleventh amendment this would negate the need for a debate on these particular amendments as they would already be incorporated into the eleventh amendment. It was explained that as the Minister was minded to reject both the second and eighth amendments, these amendments would still be proposed and included in the running order for the States' debate.</p> <p>The Panel was in agreement with this approach and it was agreed that the Legislative Drafting Office would circulate a draft eleventh amendment as soon as possible for the Panel's consideration, noting that the deadline for amendments was Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023.</p>	<p><b>EL/ZR</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable David Johnson
	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the latest draft of the Minister for the Environment's proposed eleventh amendment to P.40/2023. It was noted that this incorporated the main issues the Panel had sought to address through its proposed third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth amendments. The Officer advised that this would leave the Panel's proposed second and eighth amendments which would need to be re-lodged as amendments to the Minister's eleventh amendment to ensure that, if adopted, these would be compatible with the eleventh amendment from a legal sense.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to draft a letter to the Minister for the Environment to request that he outline whether the key recommendations made in the Panel's Comments Paper on P.40/2023 were accepted or not.</p>	<b>NH</b>
<p><b>3. Proposed Government Plan 2024-27 Scrutiny Review</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the current status of its review and that the final public hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure would take place the following week and would conclude the Panel's evidence gathering.</p> <p>It was agreed that further questioning on environment-related growth bids which were not included in the Proposed Government Plan 2024-27 should be put to the Minister for the Environment in writing and the Officer was requested to draft a letter for the Chair's approval.</p>	<b>NH</b>
<p><b>4. Draft Planning and Building (Conservation Areas) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.83/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that a draft comments paper was being prepared for consideration at its next meeting.</p>	<b>AT</b>
<p><b>5. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-26 Review</b></p>	



<p>The Panel noted that report drafting had now re-commenced and would be prioritised over the next few weeks with a view to the report being approved and presented before the end of the year.</p>	
<p><b>6. Assisted Dying Review Panel Membership</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Chair of the Panel would be nominated to be a member of the Assisted Dying Review Panel which was due to be established by the Scrutiny Liaison Committee imminently.</p>	
<p><b>7. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Building.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair <i>[Items 1,3-8 only]</i> Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
Apologies	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair <i>[Item 2 only]</i>
In attendance	<b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy Tom Binet, Minister for Infrastructure Deputy Steve Ahier, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure Andrew Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department Ellen Littlechild, Group Director - Operations and Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Department Tim Daniels, Director - Property, Jersey Property Holdings, Infrastructure and Environment Department Tristen Dodd, Director - Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Department  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of the meetings held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Public Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for its public quarterly hearing with the Minister for Infrastructure.</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Infrastructure and Government officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	
<p><b>3. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel noted the lodging of its amendments to the Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023] and the proposed lodging of an 11<sup>th</sup> amendment by the Minister for the Environment.</p> <p>The Officer advised that it was the Minister for the Environment's intention to present a comments paper to P.40/2023 responding to the seven recommendations made by the Panel in its comments paper.</p>	
<p><b>4. Proposed Government Plan 2024-27 Scrutiny Review</b></p>	

<p>The Panel noted the end of its call for evidence and that a comments paper for presentation to the States Assembly would be drafted for its approval.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>5. Draft Planning and Building (Conservation Areas) (Jersey) Regulations 202-[P.83/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel reviewed a draft comments paper and requested that it be finalised for presentation by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.</p>	<p><b>AT/NH</b></p>
<p><b>6. Panel representation on the Future Hospital Review Panel</b></p> <p>Connétable Michael Jackson informed the Panel that it was his intention to resign as its representative on the Future Hospital Review Panel. The Panel heard from the Officer that the Future Hospital Review Panel had been established by the Scrutiny Liaison Committee with representatives of the Environment Housing and Infrastructure, Health and Social Security and Corporate Services Panels and the Public Accounts Committee.</p>	
<p><b>7. Closure of the Government of Jersey Abattoir</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the recent news that the Government of Jersey Abattoir had been closed since 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and the impact that this would be having on local farmers and meat suppliers. The Panel agreed that it would seek further information from the Minister for Infrastructure in the public quarterly hearing and follow up, if necessary, in the New Year.</p>	
<p><b>8. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Building.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

### Meeting held by electronic mail

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
Apologies	Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Draft Planning and Building (Conservation Areas) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.83/2023] – Draft Comments Paper</b></p> <p>The Panel agreed a final draft of its Comments Paper in relation to the Draft Planning and Building (Conservation Areas) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.83/2023].</p> <p>The Officer was requested to progress the approved final document for presentation to the States Assembly the following day.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	<b>Item 2 only</b> Deputy Jonathan Renouf, Minister for the Environment Deputy Hilary Jeune, Assistant Minister for the Environment Kelly Whitehead, Group Director – Regulation, Infrastructure and Environment Department Kevin Pilley, Head of Place and Spatial Planning, Cabinet Office  Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer Gwyn Garfield-Bennett, Communications Officer <i>[item 2 only]</i>

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Public Quarterly Hearing with the Minister for the Environment</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed the question plan for its public quarterly hearing with the Minister for the Environment.</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for the Environment and Government officers for a public quarterly hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.</p>	
<p><b>3. Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.40/2023]</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed the outcome of the States' debate which had been held the previous week. It was agreed to keep pressing the Minister for the Environment for updates on the publication of a Code of Practice which was intended to accompany the Regulations prior to the enactment date of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.</p>	
<p><b>4. Proposed Government Plan 2024-27 Scrutiny Review</b></p> <p>The Panel discussed and agreed a draft Comments paper, including seven recommendations. The Officer was requested to proceed with the necessary arrangements to have the Comments presented to the States Assembly later that day.</p>	NH
<p><b>5. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-2026 Review – Draft Report</b></p> <p>The Panel considered a first draft of a report in relation to its review of the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-2026. It was agreed to circulate the main body of the report (excluding key findings and recommendations) to witnesses who had provided evidence which was referenced in the report requesting any comment on the factual accuracy of</p>	NH

<p>the evidence as presented. It was further agreed to consider the key findings and recommendations at the Panel's next meeting with a view to publishing the report early in the New Year.</p>	
<p><b>6. Marine Spatial Plan - Planned Scrutiny Review</b></p> <p>The Panel considered a briefing paper which had been prepared by the Officer in relation to a proposed scrutiny review of the Marine Spatial Plan.</p> <p>It was noted that the Minister for the Environment was currently consulting on an initial draft of the Plan and that it was the intention for the final Plan to be published in January 2024 ahead of a States' debate in March 2024. The Panel considered the short timeframe to conduct its review and it was agreed to question the Minister further on whether he would consider extending the consultation period.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to begin initial scoping and information gathering for its review. However, it was noted that it would be prudent to await the final version of the Marine Spatial Plan before agreeing a final Terms of Reference for the review. The Panel recalled that it was awaiting further information from the Infrastructure and Environment Department which the Officer would follow up and circulate to the Panel when available.</p> <p>The Officer was requested to draft an initial Scoping Document for consideration at a future meeting.</p>	<p><b>AT</b></p> <p><b>AT</b></p>
<p><b>7. Panel representation on the Future Hospital Review Panel</b></p> <p>The Panel recalled that Connétable Jackson had resigned from the Future Hospital Review Panel and it was agreed to write to the President of Scrutiny to advise that other members of the Panel were unable to join the Panel due to other commitments and memberships on other Committees and/or Panels. It was noted that the Future Hospital Review Panel had originally been established to incorporate membership from the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel. Accordingly, the Officer was requested to draft a letter to the President of Scrutiny for the Chair's approval.</p>	<p><b>NH</b></p>
<p><b>8. Proposed 2024 Meeting and Public Quarterly Hearing Schedule</b></p> <p>The Panel considered and agreed a proposed meeting and quarterly hearing schedule for 2024. The Officer was requested to circulate outlook calendar invitations accordingly.</p>	<p><b>AT</b></p>
<p><b>9. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Building.</p>	

# Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

## Record of Meeting

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Present	Deputy Steve Luce, Chair Connétable Michael Jackson, Vice-Chair Connétable David Johnson
Apologies	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat
In attendance	Nikita Hall, Principal Committee and Panel Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p><b>1. Records of Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted and approved the records of meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023.</p>	
<p><b>2. Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-2026 Review – Draft Report</b></p> <p>The Panel considered a draft report in relation to its review of the Bridging Liquid Waste Strategy 2023-2026 and agreed the report’s key findings and recommendations.</p> <p>It was noted that despite requests being made, no fact checking responses had been received from the Minister for Infrastructure or Minister for Treasury and Resources.</p> <p>The Panel agreed that the report should be published in the second week of January 2024 once a final version of the report, including executive summary, had been circulated ahead of the Panel’s scheduled meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he would prepare a Chair’s Foreword prior to the Panel’s meeting in January 2024.</p>	<p>NH</p> <p>SL</p>
<p><b>3. Marine Spatial Plan - Planned Scrutiny Review</b></p> <p>The Panel considered an initial scoping document for its review of the Marine Spatial Plan. The Officer was requested to make some additions to the review objectives and suggested list of key stakeholders.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the limited timeframe to conduct a scrutiny review, it being noted that that the final plan was intended to be published in January 2024 with a States’ debate being held in March 2024.</p> <p>It was recalled that stakeholders within the fishing industry had conveyed that the public consultation was too short and the timing over Christmas and New Year was not ideal. It was agreed that the Panel would write to the Minister for the Environment to request that he extend the public consultation period. The Officer was requested to draft a letter accordingly for the Chair’s approval.</p>	<p>NH</p>
<p><b>4. Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The Panel noted its next scheduled meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in the Blampied Room of the States Building.</p>	