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Comments

The Sewers Capital programme for the years 2001 to 2003 submitted by the Public Services Committee was for £4,935,000 in 2001, £4,935,000 in 2002 and £4,930,663 in 2003.

The proposal by the Policy and Resources Committee is to reduce this proposed programme by a total of £1,100,000 over the three years.

Deputy Rondel, in his proposed amendment (P.156/2000) explains correctly the implications of the proposed reduction on the programme for connecting properties to the foul sewer network.

The President of the Public Services Committee, with Deputy Rondel who was at that time Vice-President of the Committee, attended the Policy and Resources Committee on 27th July 2000, to explain the consequences of the proposal and to ask that the Sewers Capital Programme be reinstated to its previous level. This request was turned down by the Policy and Resources Committee.

The Public Services Committee considered Deputy Rondel's proposed amendment at its meeting on 18th September 2000, and whilst sharing the concerns expressed in the proposed amendment, was of the view that in the light of the other revisions to the proposed States' Capital Programme, it accepted, albeit reluctantly, the proposed Sewers Capital Programme as proposed by the Policy and Resources Committee.

In the climate of reduced capital allocation to the Sewers Programme, the Committee is determined to ensure that the best possible value for money is being achieved from the available funds. The Committee proposes to carry out an Audit Review of the tendering procedure for sewer projects to ensure value for money is being achieved.