STATES OF JERSEY

PROPOSED COMMON STRATEGIC POLICY 2018–22 (P.110/2018): SEVENTH AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 20th November 2018
by Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier

STATES GREFFE
After the words “Appendix to this Proposition” insert the words “, except that –

“(a) on page 10 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “Where we need to focus our efforts”, after the words “clinical priorities” insert the words “and new methods of delivering health care, primarily through the development of eHealth systems and structures”;

(b) on page 11 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “What we will achieve”, after the second bullet-point insert a new bullet-point worded as follows: “Have delivered the majority of recommendations in the Digital Health and Care Strategy.”;

(c) on page 12 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “Why this is a shared priority”, after the words “invest in this sector” insert the words “understanding the threats and opportunities that the growing digital revolution offers in areas such as Artificial Intelligence, and ensuring we have the highest possible resilience to protect our industries from Cyber threats”;

(d) on page 12 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “Why this is a shared priority”, after the words “quality of life” insert the words “A key way we can achieve this is in proactive and positive investment in our digital capabilities and skills.”;

(e) on page 13 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “Where we need to focus our efforts”, after the words “economy. We will” insert the words “deliver and”;

(f) on page 14 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “What we will achieve”, after the words “skills of our workforce” insert the words “with an enhanced focus on digital”;

(g) on page 14 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “What we will achieve”, after the twelfth bullet-point insert a new bullet-point, worded as follows: “Enhance our Resilience in Cyber Security”;

(h) on page 17 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “Why this is a shared priority”, after the words “not just for the short term,” insert a new paragraph worded as follows: “Many jurisdictions are creating a Smart Island strategy that utilises the
Internet of Things and other Digital Innovations to enhance their built environments, we will look to create our own strategy setting out where we can use technology to best support our island.”;

(i) on page 18 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“5 Strategic Priorities”), in the paragraph headed “What we will achieve”, after the last bullet-point insert a new bullet-point, worded as follows: “Creation of a Jersey Smart Island Strategy to enhance our built environment.”;

(j) on page 21 of the Appendix to the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (“6 Common Themes”), after the section entitled “We will prepare for more Islanders living longer”, insert a new section worded as follows –

“We will explore and use the opportunities offered by digital

While the pace of technological change accelerates, the objectives and principles that follow will determine our approach for the next 4 to 10 years:

- Preparing children for the future
- Shape an attractive business environment to deliver jobs and growth
- Deliver more efficient public services to improve health and wellbeing
- Help Islanders to learn and grow by providing digital skills for all.”.

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REPORT

I have lodged this amendment just to highlight and tighten some of the wording of the Proposed Common Strategic Policy 2018–22 (P.110/2018), to include more specific information on how the Government of Jersey will be using digital innovation and skills in all aspects of its work.

Jersey has a long track record as a fast mover, adapting to new trends to carve out its area of expertise.

We have been world-famous as clothing producers, farmers, fishermen and, most recently, as financiers. “Digital” represents Jersey’s great opportunity to enhance our position as a knowledge-based economy, delivering prosperity and stability for the Island and its people.

“Digital” is the world of Internet-enabled technology, within both the sector of specialist businesses developing new uses for online technology, as well as the wider economy that relies on the Internet. The development of the digital sector will play an important role in the Government’s efforts to diversify the economy, pursue productivity-led economic growth, provide health services, and enhance our built environment. The high-productivity digital sector will become an increasingly significant driver of the Island’s prosperity.

As we look to the future, Jersey has the ability to become one of the most attractive locations in the world in which to run a digital enterprise, to ensure that the workforce has the right skills for the digital age, and that people have the capability to make the most of a more connected society. By pioneering the use of new technologies in Government, we can transform our public services and make them as accessible and resilient as the most innovative consumer services developed by the private sector.

The Government has already made significant strides towards realising the potential of the digital revolution by –

- launching Digital Jersey to act as a trusted adviser, a facilitator between public and private sectors, and a promoter of our digital industry abroad;
- investing £9.5 million in an e-Government programme that will transform the way Government interacts with Islanders and make it more efficient;
- establishing a dedicated Digital Policy Unit in government;
- investing in superfast fibre-optic broadband connections to the premises;
- commissioning the Atkins Review to identify where we can strengthen the Island’s cyber security.

As technology changes the way everyone does business, the Government also has to ensure that the Island remains globally competitive resilient and ready to capture the economic opportunities of the future.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this amendment.