# **STATES OF JERSEY**



### LAND TRANSACTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 168 (3) – OFFICE ACCOMODATION PROJECT, UNION STREET, ST HELIER: DEFERRAL OF APPROVAL (P.18/2021) – COMMENTS

Presented to the States on 22 March 2021 by the Council of Ministers

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### COMMENTS

#### Summary

The principle of the office accommodation project has been discussed since 2005. This most recent attempt to achieve the implementation of such a project commenced in 2019.

The benefits of the project are to deliver approximately £6.8m cashable savings per year by significantly reducing the amount of office space occupied and thereby reducing the running costs. These figures do not take account of any productivity savings, which would accrue in addition to the cashable savings. The impact of Covid-19 on the project has been considered, the project will release brownfield sites, and also achieves a number of other benefits, as well as a better working environment for our staff. Doing nothing will cost significantly more than the cost of implementing this project.

The modernisation of the public service was approved as part of the Common Strategic Policy. The Office Accommodation Project was specifically identified, and relevant funding approved, in both the Government Plan 2020-2023 and the Government Plan 2021-2024.

As laid out below Scrutiny have been kept informed and briefed over much of the past 15 months, with the Strategic Outline Business Case ('SOC') being provided to them in December 2019, and the Full Business Case ('FBC') provided to them in December 2020. Much other documentation has been provided during the period.

The Government have fully engaged with Scrutiny during the last 15 months in respect of this project, and indeed would have welcomed a review by Scrutiny at any point earlier in the process.

However, the calling in of the project (through P.18/2021) approximately one week before contracts were due to be finalised, will have significant consequences if this proposition is approved. If P.18/2021 is approved by the Assembly, given the requirement for a further debate, it is unlikely that this issue would return to the Assembly until July at best and more likely in September (i.e. a delay of 4-6 months).

As outlined below, the financial consequences identified in P.18/2021 estimate the cost of any delay at approximately  $\pounds 1$  million per month.

Any protracted delay could mean that the procurement process would fail. If this were to be the case, then further delay would be caused as the procurement process would need to be restarted. This would have associated abortive and repeat costs and it is likely that there would also be other additional financial and reputational impacts for the Government.

Accordingly, the Council of Ministers do not support the Proposition as set out in P18/2021.

#### Background

The principle of reducing the number of office properties the Government occupies has been discussed since at least 2005<sup>1</sup> with a view to significantly reducing operating costs, releasing some sites for other purposes (including housing) and realising staff productivity benefits.

The principle of office modernisation has been supported by various Councils of Ministers. Indeed, it was included in the States of Jersey Annual Business Plan for 2007 (and endorsed by  $PAC^2$ ) and the MTFP1 in 2013<sup>3</sup>. A strategy for office modernisation was approved by COM in 2015<sup>4</sup> as part of the Public Sector Reform programme and at that time Cyril Le Marquand House was one of two Government sites that were identified as potential options for a new central office development for Government. However, the project has not progressed to completion under previous administrations and it has fallen to this Council of Ministers to resolve the situation.

#### **Common Strategic Policy**

The Common Strategic Policy approved by this Assembly includes the ongoing initiative to deliver a modern, innovative public sector that meets the needs of Islanders effectively and efficiently. This project is a key enabler to deliver on this objective.

#### Process

The current process began in 2018, with the development of a SOC, which outlined the benefits of the project. P.18/2021 does not identify the benefits articulated in the SOC and later FBC that include:

- 1. Consolidation of the GOJ's operations from 21 buildings to eight.
- 2. Operational savings of £6.8 million per annum.
- A gross value add ('GVA') during construction of £74 million, resulting in significant economic stimulus during the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4. Significant employment created during construction.
- 5. Project saves £30 million on the 'do nothing' option.
- 6. A Nett Present Social Value of £39.6 million.
- 7. The replacement of ageing, environmentally-unfriendly facilities with an energy-efficient, BREEAM 'excellent' building.
- 8. Vacating other sites, which could be used for social housing, new-buyer housing or other development.
- 9. Improved service-delivery within GOJ from a purpose-built building where departments can co-exist adjacent to each other.
- 10. Implementation of other GOJ strategies, including Carbon Neutral Strategy, Sustainable Transport Policy, and One Gov / Team Jersey.
- 11. Regeneration of the Parade Gardens / Union Street area, incentivising business and growth in the area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://statesassembly.gov.je/assemblypropositions/2005/41563-18754-352005.pdf</u>, p5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://statesassembly.gov.je/scrutinyreports/2007/report%20-%20states%20property%20plan%20-</u>

<sup>%2013%20</sup>february%202007.pdf, p4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>https://statesassembly.gov.je/AssemblyPropositions/2012/P.069-2012.pdf</u>, p286

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://statesassembly.gov.je/assemblyreports/2016/r.63-2016.pdf, p42

The SOC was approved by the Council of Ministers on 30 October 2019. A briefing was provided to CSSP and PAC on 14 November 2019 and the SOC was shared in hard copy with CSSP on 17 December 2019, some 15 months ago.

Specific reference was made in the approved Government Plan 2020-2023 to 'bring forward and invest in a new office facility that can accommodate the Government's long-term needs<sup>5</sup>'. The Government Plan 2020-2023 included funding to progress the project, based on the preferred SOC option to procure a third-party Development Partner and to identify an office scheme brought forward by that Development Partner.

A procurement process followed, which was open to all. Later in the process, two final shortlisted bidders submitted final tenders that met our requirements and were assessed as having significant economic benefit. The approved process permitted the Government to identify a preferred and a reserve partner.

In the event that final commercial terms could not be agreed with the initially identified preferred partner, the process enabled the Government to switch to the reserve partner and to enter into negotiations with that partner, and this is exactly what happened in this situation.

A preferred partner was identified by COM on 09 December 2020, supported by an evaluation of final tenders and a Full Business Case, which presented an updated project timetable that would allow the delivery of the project within the same timeline. The evaluation of final tenders, the Full Business Case and an assessment of the impact int terms of regeneration of St Helier of final tenders were shared with Scrutiny on 15 December and again on 10 February 2021.

A significant volume of decision-making information has been shared with Scrutiny since the approval of the SOC in October 2019 – over 800 pages. At no point did the Chair of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee inform the Government of the intention of Scrutiny to lodge a proposition to defer the project. As noted in the opening words, the Government would have welcomed and fully engaged with a review by Scrutiny at an earlier point in the process. In addition, the Government has been aware throughout this process of the implications of a potential delay and has therefore engaged Scrutiny on a regular basis and has provided all decision-making evidence.

#### **Consequences of delay**

A now inevitable delay in these timelines due to P.18/2021 will have a range of implications for the Government of Jersey, including:

- The need to renew/extend leases due to expiry of current agreements
- Not realising full revenue savings until surplus buildings are vacated or sold
- Impact of inflation on developer's costs and corresponding increase in rent/option prices
- Risk of the developer withdrawing
- Reputational risk and future market appetite for developers, contractors and funders
- Financial implications of delay in the region of an extra £1m per month whilst the project is on hold and prior to it being contractually binding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://www.gov.je/SiteCollectionDocuments/Government%20and%20administration/P%20Government%20Plan%20 2020%20to%2023%2020200909%20CB.pdf , p90

In addition, if it were to be approved by the Assembly, the timing of this Proposition means that there is a significant risk of project failure. If a review by Scrutiny were undertaken for 01 June 2021, as outlined in the P.18/2021, it requires a Proposition to then be lodged with a lodging time that would be unlikely to be debated before September 2021, unless taken early, which could potentially irreparably compromise the procurement process. This procurement process would need to be repeated, with significant associated abortive costs of the current procurement and additional costs for a new procurement. It would also mean a delay or the inability to realise the cost savings benefits outlined above.

Date	Event
July 2018	GOJ issued a news release confirming that more than 500 staff will move to a new headquarters building on Broad Street. News release confirmed that the solution was for the interim, until a purpose-built office building could be developed for all Government administrative and policy staff <sup>6</sup> .
January 2019	The second Six Monthly Report delivered by the GOJ's Chief Executive to the States Assembly confirmed that: "work is underway to identify a permanent government headquarters in St Helier further improving collaboration and efficiency and thereby consolidating our office estate. This (development) would also release a range of sites for leasing, sale or redevelopment. The issue has been discussed with the Council of Ministers and a business case is to be brought forward later in the new year."
April 2019	OneGov One Year On report delivered to the States Assembly, repeating the message and intent of GOJ to consolidate the office estate.
23 July 2019	Proposed Government Plan 2020 – 2023 <sup>7</sup> (Proposition P.71 / 2019) is lodged with States Assembly for debate. Plan includes details of future office modernisation strategy, and funding for FY2020 (for the Procurement of the Development Partner). News release issued by GOJ <sup>8</sup> .
September / October 2019	Scrutiny review Proposed Government Plan 2020 – 2023 at various hearings
October 2019	GOJ issues a news release to launch the Efficiencies Plan, which identified that efficiencies targeted from the Project would be needed in order to fund the Government Plan <sup>9</sup> .
30 October 2019*	SOC approved by COM.
14 November 2019	CSSP and PAC are provided with briefing on SOC and the Project. Briefing included details of strategic case, economic case, financial case, management case, and commercial case. Briefing identifies launch of future procurement to source Development Partner.
19 November 2019	CSSP minutes note that 'the Panel had been briefed on the Government's Office Strategy and was due to receive the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for the project [The Panel] agreed to defer consideration of any possible review work until it had reviewed the SOBC. <sup>10</sup> [SOC]'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.gov.je/news/2018/pages/relocationstatesstaff.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.gov.je/Government/PlanningPerformance/GovernmentPlan/Pages/GovernmentPlan.aspx#anchor-2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://www.gov.je/news/2019/pages/governmentplan2020-23.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://www.gov.je/news/2019/pages/efficienciesplan.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://statesassembly.gov.je/ScrutinyMinutes/2019/Approved%20Panel%20Minutes%20-

<sup>%20</sup>Corporate%20Services%20Scrutiny%20Panel%20-%202019.pdf, p68

Data	Event
Date	Event
21 November	GOJ issue a news release announcing the approval of the SOC by COM,
2019	and confirming that the Project would deliver savings of £7 million per
	year <sup>11</sup> .
26 - 28	Proposed Government Plan 2020 – 2023 is debated and approved by the
November	States Assembly. Funding for the Project (and procurement of the
2019	Development Partner) in 2020 approved.
9 December	PAC note proposed review of estate strategy and office accommodation
2019	project in Q1 2020.
17 December	SOC and all appendices shared with CSSP.
2019	
20 January	PAC given briefing on estate strategy, which included discussion on over-
2020	arching aims for use of States-owned property in the future. Discussions
11 February	noted progress with Project. CSSP agree to receive regular briefings from GOJ officers on progress with
2020	Project.
13 February	Procurement launched with publication of OJEU Contract Notice.
2020	Applications to pre-qualify issued via Channel Islands Tenders.
14 May 2020	Shortlisting (Pre-qualification) endorsed by POG.
1 June 2020	PAC receive briefing from GOJ on impact of COVID-19 on estates.
1 June 2020	Discussions include the Project and progress with impacting of COVID-19
	on GOJ's requirements. Shortlisting (Pre-qualification) report shared with
	Scrutiny as follow-up.
3 July 2020	CSSP receive briefing on progress of Project, including update on progress
•	with procurement of Development Partner.
13 July 2020	Project responds to follow-up questions from CSSP briefing 3 July 2020
	that were tabled 8 July 2020.
31 July 2020	Project update provided to POG.
28 August	Shortlisting (Detailed Solutions) and findings from impact of COVID-19
2020	report both endorsed by POG.
28 August	GOJ releases six-monthly update to Government Plan 2020 - 2023 and
2020	includes full status update of One Gov Office Project. Report identifies
	award of Development Partner contract during late-2020.
16	Project update provided to COM, who considered the impact on the funding
September	of the Project of the GOJ's response to COVID-19 and the proposed
2020*	inclusion of funding options in the forthcoming Government Plan 2021 – 2024 Papers, arising from COM masting should with CSSP and
	2024. Papers arising from COM meeting shared with CSSP and Environment Housing and Infrastructure ( <b>FHI</b> ) Scrutiny Papel ( <b>FHISP</b> )
22	Environment, Housing and Infrastructure (EHI) Scrutiny Panel (EHISP) Shortlisting report for Development Partner (final tenders) and report on
22 September	impact of COVID-19 on Project shared with CSSP.
2020	impact of COVID-17 on 110ject shared with CSSI.
2020	Project update provided to POG, including endorsement of funding options
September	to be included within Government Plan $2021 - 2024$ .
2020	

<sup>11</sup> https://www.gov.je/news/2019/pages/newgovernmentoffice.aspx

Date	Event
25	Project update provided to COM, including approval of POG endorsement
September	of funding options to be included within Government Plan 2021 - 2024
2020*	Papers arising from COM meeting shared with CSSP.
8 October	CSSP briefed on 2021 Proposed Government Plan, which included
2020	proposed funding allocation for Project in $2021 - 2024$ .
12 October	Project responds to questions raised by CSSP member on 6 October 2020.
2020	
12 October	Proposed Government Plan 2021 – 2024 published. Funding for Project in
2020	FY2021 included, as well as potential rental payment on new building for
	FY2024.
15 October	CSSP receive briefing on progress with Project and the procurement of the
2020	Development Partner.
4 December	POG discuss confirmation of selection of 'preferred' and 'reserve'
2020	Development Partner.
7 December	CSSP publish their review of Proposed Government Plan 2021 – 2024,
2020	noting (at Finding 31): "The Office Strategy, or Office Modernisation
	project, will cost £650,000 in 2021 for legal, procurement and project
	management costs. No business case is provided for £5,000,000 potential
	allocation in 2024, it is ascertained that this is for potential lease costs."
	CSSP also acknowledge forthcoming award of Development Partner
	procurement, and anticipated occupation by early 2024 of proposed new
	building.
	N.B. the £5m was a worst-case scenario provision estimated at that point in
	time.
9 December	COM approves selection of 'preferred' and 'reserve' Development Partner,
2020*	subject to approval of Government Plan 2021 – 2024. (Papers – including
11.D. 1	the FBC – shared with CSSP on 15 December 2020).
11 December 2020	Planned CSSP Briefing cancelled due to Government Plan debate
	preparations.
12 December 2020	Final Tender Evaluation Report (Stage 3) – which included nomination of the preferred and reserve Development Partners – shared with and endorsed
2020	by POG.
15 December	Full Business Case and Tender Evaluation Report shared with CSSP.
2020	Tun Busiless Case and Tender Evaluation Report shared with CSSI.
<u> </u>	Proposed Government Plan 2021 – 2024 is debated and approved by the
December	States Assembly. Funding for Project (and procurement of the
2020	Development Partner) in 2021 approved. Funding for rental payments in
	2024 included.
17 December	Planned CSSP Briefing cancelled by CSSP due to extension of Assembly
2020	debate on Proposed Government Plan 2021-2024.
22 December	Planned CSSP Briefing cancelled due to Emergencies Council meeting in
2020	the context of the sharp rise in coronavirus cases in the Island and further
	consideration of holiday measures.
8 January	Report R.4/2021 (Land Transaction under SO168 (3): Office
2021	Accommodation Project, 31-41 Broad Street & 19-29 Commercial Street,
	St. Helier - Lease) Lodged with Greffe.
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Date	Event
14 January	Chief Minister informs States Members that GOJ is withdrawing MD and
2021	postpones briefing on Project (pending further developments).
15 January	POG meet to consider developments with preferred Development Partner,
2021	and withdrawal of preferred Development Partner status arising from
	discussions. Report R.4/2021 subsequently withdrawn from Greffe.
16 January	CSSP Chair issues statement to local media (quoted in JEP), in response to
2021	R.4/2021: "The government does own extensive land elsewhere and I think
	that should be used." (Note: the SOC for the Project that CSSP and PAC
	briefed on 15 November 2019 and issued in full on 2 December 2019 stated
	that GOJ may potentially use third-party property as the basis of sourcing
	a location for the Project).
21 January	POG endorse recommendation to promote reserve Development Partner
2021	(JOD) to preferred partner for the CLMH scheme, in accordance with the
	approved process.
26 January	COM updated on progress with procurement of Development Partner.
2021*	Approve recommendations to progress with JOD.
26 January	Chief Minister writes to CSSP provides further copy of reports originally
2021	provided on 22 September 2020 (Procurement of Development Partner,
	Impact of COVID-19 on Project).
3 February	CSSP, PAC and One Gov Review Panel ( <b>OGRP</b> ) all receive joint briefing
2021	on progress with the Project, the update on the Development Partner
	procurement, and the forthcoming next steps.
4 February	CSSP discuss briefing of 3 February 2021. CSSP note that will 'wait for
2021	Ministerial Decision before further meetings'
	Briefing delivered to Regeneration Steering Group ( <b>RSG</b> ).
8 February	GOJ provide Scrutiny with follow-up reports and responses to requests for
2021	further information following briefing of 3 February 2021. These include a
	further copy of the final procurement award report, as shared on 15
10 E-1	December 2020.
10 February	FBC, Final Tender Evaluation and Economic Regeneration Impact reports
2021	shared again with Scrutiny, following initial transmission on 15 December 2020.
16 February	
16 February 2021	Briefing provided to States Members on progress with the Project and the update on the procurement of the Development Partner.
	Report R.19 / 2021 (Land Transaction under SO168 (3): Office
16 February 2021	Accommodation Project, Union Street, St Helier) Lodged with Greffe.
2021	Greffe advised that revised working required.
19 February	Addendum to Report R.19 / 2021 (published 16 January 2021) lodged with
2021	Greffe.
2021 22 February	New R. 19 / 2021 published. MD with public report uploaded onto system.
2021	Ten 1. 197 2021 published, this with public report upfouded onto system.
8 March	Briefing provided to all States Members (repeat of briefing provided 16
2021	February 2021).
8 March	Scrutiny Liaison Committee issue Proposition P.18 / 2021 (Re-issue)
2021	Service, Encour commute issue risposition 1.107 2021 (Re issue)
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#### Proposition - P.18/2021

The Proposition omits any consideration of how the global Covid-19 pandemic has impacted on delivery of project timelines and incorrectly assumes that the Strategic Outline Case timeline is set in stone. In fact, the Covid-19 situation meant that the project undertook additional due diligence around the procurement process and through dialogue with potential developers was able to better understand likely build programmes. The Covid-19 situation meant that the procurement took additional time to complete compared to early forecasts, but through the dialogue, cost certainty and the ability to finalise a Full Business Case were achieved earlier. It is these developments that have enable the project to maintain the overall timetable, with a view to moving colleagues into a new office in Q1 2024.

The Proposition refers to a high-level project plan which was outlined in the SOC – which was developed in Q3 2019 – that specified key stages and target dates. The Proposition refers specifically to completion of a FBC in around May 2021 and an agreement with a developer in May 2021. It is, essentially, alluding that timetables have been accelerated and suggesting that a delay due to P.18/2021 would not affect the anticipated project timetable. This is not at all the case.

In addition, P.18/2021 notes that 'the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel or One Gov Review Panel [did not] receive a copy of any relevant minutes from the Council of Ministers or other panels in relation to this project to ascertain decision making.<sup>12</sup>' Due to the commercially sensitive nature of the discussions, theses Part B minutes of COM are qualified exempt from publication under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 under Articles 33 – Commercial Interests and 35 - Formulation and development of policies. In addition, paragraph 35 of P.56/2018: Code Of Practice for Engagement Between 'Scrutiny Panels and The Public Accounts Committee' and 'The Executive' states that 'the Council of Ministers will consider providing Panel/PAC Chairmen with relevant items of Part B minutes of Council of Ministers meetings upon request'. However, it is important to note that no request was received from either Panel for the minutes of any meetings where the Office Accommodation Project was discussed.

P.18/2021 states that 'the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel and One Gov Review Panel were advised that an additional briefing would occur with the Chief Minister and Officers prior to the end of 2020 but this was cancelled by Government on several occasions due to diary constraints.' Whilst this is accurate, it does not fully reflect the context and all the reasons for the rescheduling of these briefings, which is outlined in the timeline table above.

P.18/2021 notes that 'the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel and States Members received no briefing prior to the presentation of R.4/2021 to the States, neither did it receive any open communication on the Full Business Case and terms and conditions.' Members are reminded that the Full Business Case was shared confidentially with Scrutiny on 15 December 2020 following the Council of Ministers meeting on 09 December 2020 and shared again on 10 February 2021, following a briefing with the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, OneGov Board and Public Accounts Committee on 03 February 2021.

The FBC detailed <u>both</u> options (including Cyril Le Marquand), which is therefore why a switch to the reserve bidder could be taken so quickly when it became necessary.

 $<sup>^{12}\</sup> https://states assembly.gov.je/assembly propositions/2021/p.18-2021 (re-issue).pdf$ 

The FBC was shared confidentially due to the commercial nature of its contents and publishing commercially-sensitive information that is part of a live procurement process would prejudice the commercial interests of the Government and its suppliers. This is in accordance with the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019, the Public Finances Manual, the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 and the Code Of Practice for Engagement Between 'Scrutiny Panels and The Public Accounts Committee' and 'The Executive'.

P.18/2021 outlines a sequence of events that led to a proposed change of scheme, from a scheme in Broad St described in R.4/2021, to the scheme put forward in R.19/2021 'Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – Office Accommodation Project, Union Street, St. Helier – Agreements'. P.18/2021 correctly notes that 'due to some last minute and unexpected commercial issues that need to be resolved in advance of entering into a contract and that these issues were not the Government's making.' States Members have been briefed in detail about these events, including modifications to the developer's final tender that could not be accepted.

P.18/2021 notes a concern that 'the Minister for Infrastructure has presented two recommendation reports to the States within 6 weeks referring to two completely different conclusions on a significant project. The decision making which constituted this change therefore requires independent review as the detail has not been assessed and the government has therefore not been held to account.'

The process set out in the approved procurement strategy that was shared with Scrutiny as noted in the timeline table above. This approved document outlines the approach that would, on the basis of the evaluation of final tenders received, see a preferred Development Partner identified, and a reserve partner who would be promoted to preferred partner should final negotiations with the initially identified preferred partner fall through. Unfortunately, in this case, negotiations with the preferred partner identified by Council of Ministers on 09 December 2020 fell through after the Ministerial Decision to enter into contracts with them had been published.

Consequently, the Government of Jersey entered into negotiations with the reserve partner on the basis of the final sub tenders submitted, the evaluation of these tenders and the Full Business Case. These documents – shared with Scrutiny in December 2020 and again in February 2021 – outlined the anticipated positive economic benefits of proceeding with either scheme, and therefore both SO168 ministerial decisions have been based on the same evidence whilst following the approved process.

The decision-making evidence which the OneGov Political Oversight Group, the Council of Ministers and the Minister for Infrastructure have considered - including the Full Business Case - is comprehensive and robust, developed in accordance with best practice and compliant with relevant legislation and organisational policies.

The Council of Ministers would also like to address the series of bullet points outlined at the end of P.18/2021:

• *'principles of the Strategic Outline Case and the assessment of the implications of the pandemic on the project and considerations that the case to build a new office remains valid.'* 

A review of the implications on the project was undertaken in Summer 2020 which concluded that the principles of the SOC remain valid. This review was shared with Scrutiny on 22 September 2020. Appropriate due diligence was also undertaken on potential developers.

• 'contractual arrangements of the development of the new office arrangements.'

The contractual arrangements have been developed to transfer financial risk from the Government to the Developer, without any freehold transfer of land from the Government to the Developer. Scrutiny and all States Members have been fully briefed on the contractual arrangements during the February briefings outlined in the table above.

• *'alignment to other key strategies and projects'.* 

States Members have been briefed about how the Office Accommodation Project aligns with other key projects and strategies, including the Estates Strategy. Foremost, it will enable the Government to exit leases, raise capital receipts through the disposal of surplus buildings and release a number of sites for other uses, including housing.

• 'impact and outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social, and environmental benefits.'

These are subject to the Planning process. A detailed impact assessment will be undertaken as part of a detailed planning application.

• *'interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes.'* 

These are set out in the Full Business Case that has been shared with Scrutiny. Primarily, this involves the development of a new office building, that will provide an economic stimulus and unlock other benefits, including operational savings and the release of other sites.

• *'capability of its leadership and the individuals within.'* 

The project is led by experienced individuals, including a Project Director, property specialists, commercial legal advisors and procurement experts.

• *'risk and performance and ensuring robust controls and strong public finance management.'* 

The Full Business Case, which has been shared with Scrutiny, includes a consideration of risk and outlines a number of key benefits which are anticipated to be realised – i.e. the performance of the project. The contractual arrangements for this project allow financial risk to be transferred to the developer.

• *'implementation of good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit, to deliver effective accountability in decision making.'* 

Scrutiny has been Provided with all decision-making documents that have been considered by the One Gov Political Oversight Group and the Council of Ministers.

#### Glossary of terms

BREEAM - Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method
COM – Council of Ministers
CSSP – Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel
FBC – Full Business Case
GOJ – Government of Jersey
JEP – Jersey Evening Post
JOD – Jersey Office Development Ltd – the Development Partner
OJEU – Official Journal of the European Union
MTFP – Medium Term Financial Plan
PAC – Public Accounts Committee
POG - Political Oversight Group
SOC – Strategic Outline Business Case

## Statement under Standing Order 37A [Presentation of comment relating to a proposition]

"These comments are submitted after the deadline set out in Standing Orders because it had been anticipated that this proposition would be debated at the 23rd March 2021 sitting."