

2.12 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture regarding special discounts on entry to Heritage sites for Active Card holders:

Would the Minister consider granting special discounts on entry to heritage sites to Active cardholders ensuring that the heritage of Jersey retains its important place in our everyday lives while increasing revenue for heritage sites?

The Deputy of St. Ouen (The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture):

Although the Active Card is a membership scheme offered by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture, responsibility for the publicly administered heritage sites lies with the Jersey Heritage Trust who already offer a range of discounts to individuals and groups. I will, however, happily pass on the Deputy's suggestion together with any relevant information on the discounts available through the Active Card Scheme in order that the Trust may consider it in the wider context of its admissions policy.

2.12.1 Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

Could I thank the Minister for suggesting that he will take this proposal forward to the Jersey Heritage Trust. I appreciate the complexity of the arrangements between the Jersey Heritage Trust and other organisations but the funding issues remain in place for the department to have to bolster, at times, these organisations. Could I support the Minister in what he is going to do but could I also highlight that in Portsmouth, for example, if you produce your local area driving licence with your area of residence proven on your entry to certain sites, you are given a local's reduction. That increases footfall and it could be carried on in Jersey so that locals attend cultural sites with a reduction. Perhaps some form of local residency could be proven and a reduction and increase in footfall could occur that way too.

The Deputy Bailiff:

What is the question, Deputy?

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire:

Would he agree to take that suggestion with him?

The Deputy of St. Ouen:

I think I have already said I am pleased to discuss any matter and any ideas with the Deputy.