

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY S.Y. MÉZEC OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

Question

Further to Desired Outcome 5.5 of the ‘Strategic Plan 2015-18’, which refers to the development of a new “*Public Realm Strategy*” for Jersey, will the Chief Minister explain what timetable currently exists for completion of this Strategy?

Furthermore, in light of Desired Outcome 5.11, which refers to an intention to delegate authority to the Parish of St Helier to licence small-scale events within the Parish, what legislative changes, if any, have either been passed or initiated to give the Parish this authority?

Answer

The development of a Public Realm Strategy is underway, initially focussed on St. Helier as part of the work associated with the Future St. Helier strategic priority. This has involved an audit of the existing open space in the town of St. Helier and the development of a survey to better understand what people think about the provision, quality and accessibility of open space in St. Helier.

This survey continues until mid-October –

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Consultations/Pages/StHelierOpenSpaceSurvey.aspx>

The survey findings will be analysed and this information, together with work already undertaken, will inform the development of the strategy. It is anticipated that a draft strategy will be published for consultation during Q1 of 2018, with a view to its adoption as soon as possible after that.

As set out in P.56/2016 changes to the events licensing is not a straightforward matter because of the interface with a number of pieces of legislation including, for example, the Road Works and Events (Jersey) Law 2016, Policing of Beaches (Jersey Regulations) 1959 and the Policing of Parks (Jersey) Regulations 2005). Work is being undertaken to consider a viable and long-term solution for small-scale events and it is hoped that changes will be forthcoming during 2018.