

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2019**

**Question**

Are there any plans to introduce a 'Head of Sustainability' role into the Growth, Housing and Environment Department and if not, why not?

**Answer**

There is not such a role within the Growth, Housing and Environment Department but within the Strategic Policy, Performance and Planning department, there is a role called Head of Sustainability and Foresight.

The functions of this role include reporting into the Director of Strategy and Innovation and leading a team responsible for:

- Sustainability (assessing the economic, environmental and social impacts of policy and strategy)
- Environmental, energy and climate change policy (including waste and transport)
- Foresight (horizon scanning, scenario modelling, megatrends, macrotrends)
- Development of the Future Jersey ambition
- Strategy reviews and capability

This role provides me as Environment Minister, and the entire Council of Ministers with full support around the sustainability agenda.

The Sustainability and Foresight team, led by the Head of Sustainability and Foresight, use a hub and spoke model of working whereby they interact closely with the Ministers and Departments who hold the portfolio for the subject matter. Currently this model is being demonstrated in a number of ways for example:

- Developing a response to the declaration of a climate emergency. The Strategy and Innovation team are working with me, the Minister for Infrastructure, the Council of Ministers, key stakeholders and subject matter experts in GHE produce a Carbon Neutral plan by the end of 2019
- The development of a shoreline management plan is being co-ordinated by the Strategy and Innovation team developed using a multi-disciplinary team of officers from both the Substantiality and Foresight Team, the Place and Spatial Planning team (the other team in the Strategy and Innovation Directorate and responsible for delivering the new island Plan) subject matter experts from Transport and Operations in GHE. Political governance is from me and the Minister for Infrastructure.
- Developing a new Sustainable Transport Policy by the end of 2019. The Strategy and Innovation team are working with the Minister for Infrastructure, key stakeholders and subject matter experts from Transport and Operations in GHE.

Whilst considerations are still ongoing as to the final structure of the Growth Housing and Environment Department, the operational side of sustainability such as eco active, sustainable travel and recycling will continue to sit within GHE and work alongside the Head of Sustainability and Foresight.