

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 1st JULY 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th JULY 2024**

Question

“In respect to the Island’s public realm, and reference to a public realm taskforce during Questions Without Notice on 25th June 2024, will the Minister state –

- (a) the membership of the public realm taskforce;
- (b) the lead States Member on the taskforce;
- (c) the Accountable Officer responsible for delivering the public realm strategy;
- (d) what role, if any, the Deputy Chief Minister has on the taskforce; and
- (e) what budget has been allocated to this work in the coming year?”

Answer

In line with the Common Strategic Plan priority to ‘deliver a plan to revitalise Town’, a group or taskforce will be formed to focus on this work.

- (a) the membership of the public realm taskforce will be discussed at the next meeting of the Regeneration Steering Group;
- (b) the lead States Member is expected to be the Infrastructure Minister;
- (c) the Accountable Officer responsible for delivering the public realm strategy is the Chief Officer of the Infrastructure and Environment Department;
- (d) the Deputy Chief Minister’s role in this new group will be discussed at the RSG meeting;
- (e) the funding will principally be drawn from existing budgets and discussions are ongoing with the Council of Ministers regarding future funding.

For clarification, the delivery of the Public Realm Strategy remains the responsibility of the Infrastructure Minister. This new group will focus on the wider strategic priority of revitalising town and will involve the Connétable of St Helier and the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development.

Separately, the Deputy Chief Minister is undertaking initial exploratory work to look at potential improvements across a range of areas to benefit the community, including a more adventurous public realm programme, sport facilities and illness prevention. At this early concept stage, there is no requirement for an independent budget or resources. As this project progresses, it will be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval, and the Assembly will be updated accordingly.