

STATES OF JERSEY



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Departments' Response to: P.A.C.3/2013

Review title: Car Parks Trading Fund

RECOMMENDATIONS

	Recommendations	To	Accept /Reject	Departmental Comments	Target date of action/ completion
1	The Treasurer of the States and the Chief Officer, TTS, should revisit the aims and objectives of the Car Parks Trading Fund in conjunction with their respective Ministers and report back to the Committee within 3 months.	Treasurer and Chief Officer TTS	Accept	The definition as provided in the Public Finances (Transitional Provisions – States Trading Operations) (Jersey) Regulations 2005 is considered appropriate: “The trading operation to be undertaken by Jersey Car Parking shall be the administration, management, financing, development and maintenance of the public parking places that are within the function of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services”. However, the Chief Officer TTS will liaise with the Treasurer to clarify the aims and objectives, with particular reference to any ‘additional uses’. It is highlighted that the Car Parks Trading Fund is unlikely to provide profits above and beyond the return already made to the States as the potential for this is restricted by the Connétable of St. Mary’s amendment to the 2010 Sustainable Transport Policy.	End of June 2014
2	The TTS Department should ensure that its Car Parks Trading Fund financial model is updated in close alignment with the production cycle for future Medium Term Financial Plans.	Chief Officer TTS	Accept	The model will be planned to be in alignment with the MTFP timetable, but it should be noted that over the course of the plan, it is inevitable that the model parameters will change, due to political, financial, environmental and demand considerations.	Prior to publication of next draft MTFP

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3	The TTS Department should seek to improve the quality of management information concerning the Jersey Car Parking operation without delay and, in this regard, should complete its evaluation of the Sand Street electronic ticketing trial as soon as possible and report on it publicly and candidly.	Chief Officer TTS	Accept	Where appropriate, automated systems for the production of management information will be implemented, the results of the ANPR trial at Sand Street Car Park will be published, subject to consideration of commercially sensitive or proprietary information.	To be published in Q2, 2014
4	The Minister for TTS should refer to paragraph (n) of the Act of the States dated 1st December 2010 and publish, without further delay, a progress report on the Sustainable Transport Policy, with particular reference to areas exhibiting a lack of progress.	Minister and Chief Officer TTS	Accept	The progress report was published on 18th December 2013 and is available on the gov.je website at: http://www.gov.je/Government/Pages/StatesReports.aspx?ReportID=1011	Published December 2013
5	Subject to the outcome of Recommendations 1 and 4, the Treasurer of the States and the Chief Officer TTS should propose an updated methodology for calculating future financial returns to the States.	Treasurer and Chief Officer TTS	Accept	As part of the development of the next Medium Term Financial Plan, TTS will be reviewing its general income and charges policy. This will be a good opportunity to consider the methodology for future financial returns and income to the Fund.	To be discussed as part of next MTFP process

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6	Subject to the outcome of Recommendation 1, the Treasurer of the States should include within the draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2016–2018 a statement confirming the aims and objectives of the Car Parks Trading Fund and that the proposed financial returns to be paid from the Car Parks Trading Fund align with these aims and objectives.	Treasurer	Accept	The Minister for Treasury and Resources will discuss and agree with the Minister for Transport and Technical Services the estimates and minimum financial return required for the period of the next MTFP as required in the Finance Law. This discussion would include confirmation that the financial returns are aligned with the stated aims and objectives of the Car Parks Trading Fund.	Lodging date of next draft MTFP
7	The Council of Ministers should review the Sustainable Transport Policy following publication of the Minister’s progress report and, as part of that review, assess how or whether Jersey Car Parking should fit within that revised policy.	CoM/ Minister for TTS	Accept	The progress report was published in December 2013, and the Minister will recommend any changes that may be required to the Council of Ministers for approval and, if necessary, ratification by the States.	By end of June 2014 to tie in with Rec. 1