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Dear Connétable Jackson

Banning the sale of single use carrier bags (P.64/20)

Thank you for your letter dated 24 July 2020.

Since the adoption of Proposition P.64/2020, work has been ongoing to develop a project timeline to manage the actions required to bring forward draft legislation before the States Assembly by February 2021.

The first critical project action is to instruct law drafting to prepare the legislation necessary to give effect to the ban of certain types of single use bags and set a minimum price for plastic carrier bags (known as 'bags for life'). I signed a Ministerial Decision (MD-T-2020-0038) on the 27 July 2020 authorising this to progress and law drafting instructions are currently being developed.

Legislation is required in two areas: firstly, in banning the use of certain types of single use bags and this is the work that can start straight away as definitions of the types of bags included in and exempt from the ban were included in the Proposition. The second area is setting the minimum price for plastic carrier bags and this can only be moved forward once consultation with the retail sector has been completed.

Materials to support a consultation with retailers are currently being finalised. The consultation will ask retailers for their views on the minimum price for plastic carrier bags and gather information regarding other factors such as the implementation period, monitoring and enforcement, communication tools and support for potential future extensions of the legislation to include other single use items.

Once the consultation is complete, the responses will be collated to inform the second part of the law drafting.

This work will be managed in order to meet the timescale included in the Proposition so that the draft legislation will be brought before the States Assembly by February 2021 and circulated to Council of Ministers for review and comment in advance.

I hope this helps to outline the work that is ongoing and the pace that is required but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Lewis'.

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