

Ministerial Priorities

ID	MINISTERIAL ACTION	WHAT WILL WE DO IN 2023?	CSP 2023	LEAD DEPARTMENT	LEAD SERVICE	TYPE	REF #	BY WHEN	100 Day Action	End of June 23 Status (complete, on track, delayed or otherwise)	End of June 23 Short commentary update	Revised Timescale (if applicable)
MENV P1	Tackling the climate emergency by reducing Jersey's carbon emissions in line with our net-zero target and improve our resilience to the impacts of climate change by:											
MENV P1.1	•Delivering the first phase of the carbon neutral roadmap including a focus on the decarbonisation of heating buildings and road transport through a just transition.	Delivery of phase 1 policies from the Carbon Neutral Roadmap, including: Bring forward Jersey's Future Transport Plan to the States Assembly. - Develop policy position on transition fuels. - Bring forward Lodging of Secondary Legislation (Regulation) in 2022 to be enacted from 2023 to introduce green number plates for electric vehicles. - Bring forward a grant scheme for electric vehicles. - Bring forward a grant scheme supporting low carbon heating systems and home insulation. - Carry out a full review of Building Bye Laws. - Continue to support the work of Decarbonising GOJ Unit. - Continue to support Rural Economy work with agricultural sector. - Continue f-gases work seeking to extend UK compliance with the Kigali Amendment to Jersey by 2025. - Develop Circular Economy work plan. - Support development of Water Strategy. - Support Net Zero Network. - Support the reconstituted Energy Forum. - Continue to promote low-carbon lifestyles. - Continue to develop supply chains and on-Island skills for a sustainable economy. - Continue to deliver COP26 education pledge. Continue development of environmental taxes workstream.	Environment	Cabinet Office	Strategic Policy, Planning & Performance	Programme	PRO29086	2026		Update	- Jersey's Future Transport Plan due for publication in Q3 2023 (MINF) - Policy position on renewable content fuels to be considered by Ministerial team in Q3 2023. - Green number plates for electric vehicles now in place. (MINF) - Electric vehicle purchase and charger incentive to be launched in Q3 2023. - Low carbon heating incentive launched in May 2023. - Building Bye Laws review to commence by end of 2023. - Work of the Decarbonising GOJ Unit continues. - Rural Economy work with agricultural sector continues. - Develop Circular Economy work plan by end 2023. - Support development of Water Strategy. - Support Net Zero Network. - Low-carbon lifestyles campaigns continue - Work plan on Green Skills to be developed by end 2023 - Work to deliver COP26 education pledge continues. - Principles for Long Term Financing Strategy to be included in GP 2024 - 2021 greenhouse gas emissions inventory published. - Preparatory work for EPC legislation continues.	
MENV P1.2	•Reviewing the operation and governance of the Island's energy market to ensure our transition from a reliance on hydrocarbons; and working with Jersey Electricity to ensure the readiness of the grid for accelerated electrification.	Continue to work to deliver Strategic Policy 2 in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap	Environment	Cabinet Office	Strategic Policy, Planning & Performance	Programme	PRO29086	2026		On track	Creation of externally facing role of Minister for Energy and Climate Change by Chief Minister and appointed the Assistant Minister for The Environment to this role. The Minister chairs a newly formed Energy Suppliers Group who work together to ensure that there is continued active engagement with companies generating and supplying energy and co-ordinating their decarbonisation plans and net zero transition. A ministerial Group – The Future Energy Group was established in December 2022 as a forum to improve the governance, coordination, and strategic insights into Jersey's energy landscape, with specific regard for matters of energy affordability, sovereignty and security	
MENV P1.3	•Begin developing the necessary consenting regimes and frameworks to enable utility-scale renewable energy generation in the future.	Work will continue to be undertaken in 2023 to develop and consult with stakeholders on legislation to consent offshore utility scale renewable energy installations.	Environment	Cabinet Office	Strategic Policy, Planning & Performance	Business as usual		Q4 2023		On track	The Future Energy Group was established in December 2022 and a dedicated ministerial sub group is considering the opportunity that offshore utility scale renewables could play for the island energy, sovereignty, security of supply and any future economic potential.	
MENV P2	Protecting and enhancing Jersey's natural environment and heritage by:											
MENV P2.1	•Extending protection of the Island's rich geodiversity to ensure that geo-heritage assets are valued and appreciated.	Increase the number of geological SSIs on the island which is a function of planning law administered by our Regulation directorate. The management plans for the site however will be agreed and administered by the Natural Environment directorate in conjunction with Regulation	Environment	Cabinet Office	Regulation	Business as usual		Q4 2023		On track	Geological SSI criteria for assessment and designation due to be adopted and published in July 2023. Process for assessment has been agreed and resources identified. Work underway to prepare for first designations before Dec 2023.	
MENV P2.2	•Designating the Island's first conservation area to protect and improve its special architectural and historic character and appearance.	Designate the island's first conservation area, supported by the necessary framework of law and guidance to ensure that its special character and appearance is protected and improved	Environment	Cabinet Office	Strategic Policy, Planning & Performance	Business as usual		Q4 2023		On track	Conservation area framework, including criteria for assessment and designation, adopted (MD-ENV-2022-580) and published. Law drafting instructions issued and in progress to develop requisite legal framework. Work to undertake preparatory work, with Jersey Heritage, on first conservation area underway.	
MENV P2.3	•Developing a marine spatial plan to ensure the sustainable management of the Island's marine environment	Natural Environment will work with stakeholders to deliver a set of milestones designed to lead to the formulation of a Marine Spatial Plan by the end of 2023	Environment	Infrastructure, Housing and Environment	Natural Environment	Business as usual		2026		On track	The MSP remains on track for delivery by the early autumn. The evidence base is complete and in the process of being migrated into an online accessible format. A week-long consultation with key stakeholders occurred in March which produced over 400 submissions. Reports covering the legislation and regulation review, ecosystem service assessment and direction of travel documents are in draft form while work on assessment of MPAs, activities and sensitivity are approaching readiness. The drafting of the MSP report and	
MENV P2.4	•Better protecting biodiversity through new legislation and planning policies; exploring the introduction of biodiversity net gain; progressing a biodiversity strategy to address biodiversity loss (including trees).	Natural Environment will work with Regulation colleagues and stakeholders to ensure that there is a comprehensive understanding of the requirements of the new Wildlife Legislation and they will also set milestones along the road to delivery of a biodiversity strategy as required by this new law. Work is required to determine how the concept of biodiversity net gain and an urban greening factor could be developed and implemented as part of the legal framework in Jersey, and how it could be measured and monitored to ensure its application through the planning process.	Environment	Infrastructure, Housing and Environment	Natural Environment	Business as usual		2026		On track	Licensing framework under the Law almost complete. Web site and phase one guidance documents complete. Natural Environment working with Regulation for regulation of the Law. Biodiversity net gain discussions commenced.	
MENV P3	Ensuring the delivery of the homes and infrastructure that are essential to economic prosperity and Islanders' wellbeing; and enhance the quality of places in the Island, by											

MENV P3.1	•Publishing development briefs for all rezoned housing sites identified in the bridging Island Plan for the provision of affordable homes.	Adopt and publish development briefs for all rezoned housing sites identified for the provision of affordable homes in the bridging Island Plan	Environment	Cabinet Office	Strategic Policy, Planning & Performance	Business as usual		Q1 2023		Delayed	Publication of draft development briefs has been delayed owing to need to develop guidance on density, parking and residential space standards to inform content of development briefs; and to secure latest information about infrastructure requirements. Drainage capacity issues associated with some sites will require public infrastructure investment, which is now programmed and awaiting funding. Draft briefs issued for consultation between 15/05-23/06/23. Minister will review feedback with adoption scheduled in Q3.	
MENV P3.2	•Publishing guidance and schemes about the design, standards and specification of homes, along with density and parking standards, to ensure that they provide good and safe living environments.	Adopt and publish revised guidance about the design and specification of new homes, along with density and parking standards for different parts of the island, to ensure that they provide good quality and sustainable living environments.	Environment	Cabinet Office	Strategic Policy, Planning & Performance	Business as usual		Q4 2023		On track	Draft supplementary planning guidance prepared and issued for consultation on density; and housing development outside the built-up area, including the introduction of a parameter for the management of new large homes (over 279 sqm), in Q4 2022. Consultation feedback to be reviewed and guidance adopted in Q3 2023. Draft supplementary planning guidance prepared and issued for consultation on residential parking and space standards at end of Q1 2023. Consultation feedback to be reviewed and guidance adopted in Q3 2023. In support of relentless focus on housing, new SPG in prepration including gudiance on short-term holiday lets; and the interpretation and application of island plan policy on glasshouse sites.	
MENV P3.3	•Bring forward proposals to regulate rental property to ensure that minimums standards in rental dwellings are maintained.	The Regulation directorate will progress the Ministers option in regulating the rental sector in respect of minimum standards, which are already prescribed in law.	Housing and Cost of Living	Infrastructure, Housing and Environment	Regulation	Business as usual		2026		On track	The draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulation 202- have been lodged (P.40/2023) and are scheduled for debate at the States Meeting scheduled on the 18th July 2023.	
MENV P3.4	•Developing a long-term Island-wide water strategy.	Natural Environment will lead on a multi faceted government departmental and external stakeholder initiative to deliver a cradle to grave Island water strategy. Evidence will be gathered in 2023, and needs will be prioritised; strategic partners will be procured in 2023 to write the strategy. Development commences in 2024 and will be finalised in 2025 in line with the recommendations of the Bridging Island Plan and the Carbon Neutral Framework.	Housing and Cost of Living	Infrastructure, Housing and Environment	Natural Environment	Business as usual		2026		On track	The scoping of an island holistic water Government of Jersey to examine the water assets and water management strategies and policies within Jersey and recommend approaches to addressing identified gaps and opportunities to water security on the island in the short and long term has commenced. This involves some 12 interviews with stakeholders from Government and Jersey Water. The Scope will include a programme plan and support funding required for development of the strategy that, if identified, could start later this year. An officer project group is currently overseeing the work.	
MENV P3.5	•Developing and publishing new plans for key areas identified in the Bridging Island Plan including, for example, an improvement plan for St Brelade’s Bay.	Develop an improvement plan for St Brelade’s Bay for adoption as new planning guidance, following consultation and engagement; together with the preparation of site-specific planning guidance for key development sites, such as St Saviour’s Hospital.	Environment	Cabinet Office	Strategic Policy, Planning & Performance	Business as usual		Q4 2023		On track	Scoping of the project, including engagement with key stakeholders, is ongoing, before commissioning and implementation takes place during the second part of the year.	
MENV P4	Promoting flexibility, responsiveness, and efficiencies in the way that we work to best meet the needs of our customers by:											
MENV P4.1	•Ensuring the planning system is responsive to key priorities; and developing a new Island Plan review process that is agile, efficient and easily accessible.	The IHE department will take part in the independent review of the Planning Service, responding to requests for information and assisting where necessary. On publication, IHE will engage fully with any recommendations, looking to adopt all necessary improvements.	Environment	Infrastructure, Housing and Environment	Regulation	Business as usual		2026		On track	An independent planning review was conducted by Jim MacKinnon CBE between January and April and was published on 12 May 2023. In response the Minister in May published an action plan. An Improvement Plan is due to be published on 30 June 2023.	
MENV P4.2	•Enhancing public debate to ensure that the integral links between climate, natural resource quality, environmental quality, active travel, health both physical and mental, and personal responsibility are understood and more widely discussed.	Through joint working and resourcing with the Cabinet Office, Natural Environment will continue to put outreach strategies in place to work with community sectors implicit in the delivery of a lower carbon island.	Environment	Infrastructure, Housing and Environment	Natural Environment	Business as usual		2026		On Track	<p>This is an ongoing piece of work being delivered through CNR policies OE1 (low carbon lifestyles) and policy EN2 (net zero network). Throughout 2023 the I&E sustainability and Climate Change engagement team have run a number of campaigns and initiatives to encourage debate and educate Islanders on a broad range of issues. For example Love to Ride cycle challenge to engage on cycling as part of Policy TR10 (active travel). Not a load of rubbish waste reduction campaign as part of OE1.</p> <p>As part of EN2 the team has also run a range of training and briefing sessions for a range of audiences such as the eco active business network. In June we had an accredited Carbon Literacy Training programme approved by the Carbon Literacy Project and the first course was delivered the last week of June as part of the net zero network.</p> <p>As part of World Health Day a public presentation was given to Islanders looking at the physical and mental health benefits of active travel which considered air pollution, diabetes and a wide range of other conditions. This presentation was delivered with colleagues in Public Health, SPPP and Land and Resource Management.</p> <p>This work will continue.</p>	
CM 100 Day Action Plan Action 8	Introduce limits on the number of houses that can be built over 3000 sq. ft for a period of time in order to focus on tackling the housing crisis.	Following consultation (for six weeks from 18 October, closing 30 November) the Minister for the Environment will review the outcome with a view to amending the guidance, where appropriate, before its adoption in early 2023.	Environment	Cabinet Office	Strategic Policy, Planning & Performance	Business as usual		2026	100 Day Action #8	Delayed	Draft supplementary planning guidance prepared and issued for consultation on density; and housing development outside the built-up area, including the introduction of a parameter for the management of new large homes (over 279 sqm), in Q4 2022. Consultation feedback to be reviewed and guidance adopted in Q3 2023. Adoption of this work has been delayed because of work to develop and publish other guidance for consultation associated with housing delivery including residential parking and space standards; and development briefs for affordable housing sites.	Q3 2023

Legislative Programme

Minister	Legislation	Brief Description	Estimated Lodging Period	End of June 23 Status (complete; on track; delayed or otherwise)	End of June 23 Short commentary update	Revised Timescale (if applicable)
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Environment	Conservation Area Regulations	Regulations to: make provision for the allocation of funds to protect and improve the special architectural or historical interest of conservation areas; create sanctions and offences; and to impose penalties
Environment	Conservation Area Order	Potential new order for conservation area designation
Environment	Amendment to Planning and Building (General Development(Jersey) Order	Revised order for regulation of development in conservation areas

Q3 2023

Ministerial Plan 23	On track. Law drafting in progress.	
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