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By email

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Dear Chair,

### **Jersey Consumer Council Constitution**

I would like to congratulate you on your recent election as Chair and look forward to working closely with you and the Panel.

I am writing to you regarding proposed changes to the Jersey Consumer Council (JCC) Constitution. As you will be aware, the JCC was originally established by Act of the States on 25th April 1995. A new mandate for the JCC was adopted by the States Assembly via P.182/2010 and the JCC was subsequently established as a legal entity in 2011.

Article 8 of the JCC constitution allows for amendments to be made to the constitution and requires that prior written notice be given to the Minister of the details of the proposed amendments.

My officers and I met with the Chair of the JCC in late 2023 and were notified of the Council's desire to make a number of amendments to the constitution, these are summarised below with the revised constitution provided as an annex to this letter:

- Expansion of the objectives of the Council to include reference to:
  - i. Promoting the interests of young people as consumers and raise awareness of their rights as consumers.
  - ii. to consider the availability of choice for consumers including the ability to make resilient purchasing decisions that could include consideration of: financial, social, material, natural, cultural, experiential and intellectual forms of capital.
- Maximum tenure of the Chair and Council members to be extended to up to nine years (increasing it from the current six consecutive years).
- Removal of the limit on the number of volunteer council members permitted.
- Amendments to definitions to correct references to the now defunct *CICRA* to the *Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority*.

In advance of these changes being made I would be grateful to gather the Panel's views on the JCC's constitution and on these proposed changes. In particular, I would be pleased to receive any comments the Panel may have on the objectives and broader purpose of the Council.

Should the Panel wish to receive a briefing on this subject from my officers or the Council themselves, I would be happy to facilitate this.

Yours sincerely,



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