

STATES OF JERSEY



PROPOSED BUDGET (GOVERNMENT PLAN) 2026-2029 (P.70/2025): TWENTY- FIRST AMENDMENT

DELIVERING THE £500,000 COMMITMENT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD REGENERATION IN ST HELIER

**Lodged au Greffe on 24th November 2025
by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North
Earliest date for debate: 8th December 2025**

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SECOND AMENDMENT

1 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (b)(viii) –

After the words “Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report” insert the words -
“, except that in Summary Table 5(ii) there should be inserted a new row entitled
“Neighbourhood Regeneration of St. Helier” with an allocation of £167,000 to
each of 2026, 2027 and 2028, and a corresponding decrease for each year to the
row titled Infrastructure Rolling Vote and Public Realm”.

2 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (b)(xii) –

After the words “in the Appendix to the accompanying report” insert the words -
“, except that –

(a) on page 60, after the words “to revitalise St. Helier.” there should be
inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“The Budget allocates £167,000 in each of 2026, 2027 and 2028 to
provide funding for the specific regeneration of St. Helier
Neighbourhoods, as previously agreed within the Amendment to the
23rd Amendment to the Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-
2028.”; and

(b) on page 60, in Table 25 – Infrastructure, there should be inserted a new
row entitled “Neighbourhood Regeneration of St. Helier” with an
allocation of £167,000 to each of 2026, 2027 and 2028, and a
corresponding decrease for each year to the row entitled Infrastructure
Rolling Vote and Public Realm”.

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

- (a) In accordance with Article 16 of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 (the
Law) to approve an amendment to the Government Plan 2025 – 2028 (entitled
“Budget 2025 – 2028”) to a reduction in the 2025 head of expenditure “Grants
to States Funds” as included in Table 5(i) Revenue Heads of Expenditure of
that Government Plan from £119,821,000 to £69,821,000.
- (b) To receive the Government Plan 2026 – 2029 (entitled “Budget 2026-2029”)
specified in Article 9(1) of the Law and specifically –
- i. to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the
Consolidated Fund in 2026 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary
Table 1 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation

and impôts duties changes outlined in the Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law.

- ii. to refer to their Act dated 24th June 2003 in which they approved that no new ‘user pays’ charges be introduced without any such charge receiving prior in principle approval by the States Assembly and accordingly to approve the introduction of two new charges, to be levied by Health and Care Jersey to promote appropriate use of the Emergency Department and for repeated non-attendance of outpatient appointments, detailed in the section entitled “Departmental Income Sources” as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report.
- iii. to approve the proposed Changes to Approval for financing/borrowing for 2026, as shown in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report, which may be obtained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as and when required, in line with Article 9 (2)(c) of the Law, of up to those revised approval amounts.
- iv. to approve the transfers from one States fund to another for 2026 of up to and including the amounts set in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 3 in line with Article 9(2)(b) of the Law.
- v. to approve a transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Stabilisation Fund in 2026 of up to £50 million, subject to a decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources based on the availability of funds in the Consolidated Fund as at 31st December 2025 in excess of the estimates provided in this plan, or from budgeted underspends identified before 31st December 2026.
- vi. to approve a transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Agricultural Loans Fund in 2026 of up to £5 million, subject to a decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources based on availability of funds in the Consolidated Fund as at 31st December 2025 in excess of estimates provided in this plan, or from budgeted underspends identified before 31st December 2026;
- vii. to approve each major project that is to be started or continued in 2026 and the total cost of each such project and any amendments to the proposed total cost of a major project under a previously approved Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(d), (e) and (f) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 4 to the Report.
- viii. to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for 2026, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(g), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report, except that in Summary Table 5(ii) there should be inserted a new row entitled “Neighbourhood Regeneration of St. Helier” with an allocation of £167,000 to each of 2026, 2027 and 2028, and a corresponding

decrease for each year to the row titled Infrastructure Rolling Vote and Public Realm.

- ix. to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading fund in 2026 in line with Article 9(2)(h) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 6 to the Report.
- x. to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation’s trading fund for 2026 for each head of expenditure in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 7 to the Report.
- xi. to approve the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2026 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report.

xii. to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Government Plan 2026-2029, as set in the Appendix to the accompanying Report, except that –

(a) on page 60, after the words “to revitalise St. Helier.” there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“The Budget allocates £167,000 in each of 2026, 2027 and 2028 to provide funding for the specific regeneration of St. Helier Neighbourhoods, as previously agreed within the Amendment to the 23rd Amendment to the Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028.” ; and

(b) on page 60, in Table 25 – Infrastructure, there should be inserted a new row entitled “Neighbourhood Regeneration of St. Helier” with an allocation of £167,000 to each of 2026, 2027 and 2028, and a corresponding decrease for each year to the row entitled Infrastructure Rolling Vote and Public Realm.

REPORT

The revitalisation of St Helier remains a key priority of the Council of Ministers' Common Strategic Policy (CSP), and the States Assembly has repeatedly recognised the need to invest in Town's amenities, streets, and neighbourhoods.

In 2024, the Assembly adopted Amendment 23 ([P.51/2024 Amd. \(23\)](#)) to the Government Plan 2025–2028 ([P.51/2024 \(re-issue\)](#)), which sought a total of £500,000, to be matched by the Parish of St Helier, to support the delivery of Neighbourhood Improvement Area (NIA) schemes. These schemes focus on improving safety, walkability, cycling routes and green space within residential areas impacted by high-density development.

Following the Council of Ministers' amendment [P.51/2024 Amd. \(23\) Amd.](#), the source of funding was changed to the Infrastructure Rolling Vote (Public Realm). The Minister for Infrastructure later confirmed, in response to [WQ.112/2025](#), that this allocation had been interpreted as up to of £500,000 during the four years period as it will be possible and only notionally provided for within the department's long-term capital plan.

As one year of the programme has now passed, the Assembly's originally agreed investment remains £500,000 short. This amendment therefore proposes that the remaining commitment be funded over the next three years (2026–2028), equating to approximately £167,000 per year, on the same matching-funding basis with the Parish of St Helier.

This approach reflects the current budget limitations while honouring the commitment made by the States Assembly. It also provides a practical and deliverable mechanism to accelerate improvements in the areas where residents have long endured the consequences of successive Government decisions to concentrate housing growth in St Helier without proportional investment in the surrounding infrastructure, be that on Government or Parish owned land and roads.

The recent success of the joint Parish/Government project on Halkett Street confirms that matched investment is an effective and efficient model for delivering regeneration. Ensuring an allocated annual amount for NIAs will allow the Parish and Government to plan and deliver works with confidence, ensuring that the Assembly's stated commitments translate into visible improvements for residents during this electoral term.

Equally, the Parish of St Helier has already demonstrated its ability to deliver neighbourhood regeneration projects such as Pomona Road, and similar work has now started on Poonah Road. The next planned NIA (for 2026-27) is Clearview Street and any Government funding could contribute to it. With Government funding we could start to accelerate the programme – other projects include Savile Street, Belmont Road, and a large project on Great Union Road. There are also opportunities for great improvements in the First Tower area.

The additional funding will act both to accelerate the regeneration of town neighbourhoods and also and enable the Parish of St Helier to address more complex

and challenging regeneration projects which are currently constrained by a lack of funds.

The outcome will be to modernise neighbourhood streets, improve pedestrian safety and contribute to safer cycling networks. These are directly aligned with the Government's Public Realm and Movement Strategy and the CSP priority to enhance the quality of life in Town.

The aims of St. Helier and the Council of Ministers align, so it is to be hoped that they will be supportive of this amendment, designed to push forward the regeneration of St Helier.

Finally, a reminder that one of the 13 Common Strategic Priorities ([P.21/2024](#)) for the current Council of Ministers is to 'Deliver a plan to revitalise Town'.

Financial and staffing implications

This amendment reallocates funds within the Infrastructure Rolling Vote (Public Realm) and does not create additional net expenditure. The total amount to be allocated is £500,000 over 2026–2028 (at the rate of £167,000 each year), to be matched by the Parish. Delivery will be managed by the Parish of St Helier, with officer time met from their existing resources.

Children's Rights Impact Assessment

A Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) has been prepared in relation to this proposition and is available to read on the States Assembly website.