

Council of Ministers

(10th Meeting)

14th May 2024

Part A (Non-Exempt)

All members were present, with the exception of Connétable A.N. Jehan of St. John, Minister for Infrastructure, Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Minister for External Relations and Deputy E.M. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Treasury and Resources, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, Chief Minister
 Connétable R. Vibert of St. Peter, Minister for Children and Families
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for International Development
 Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin, Minister for the Environment
 Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, Minister for Sustainable Economic Development
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs
 Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning (for part of items A2 and B1 and items B2-B6 only)
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South, Minister for Housing
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central, Minister for Social Security
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour, Minister for Health and Social Services

In attendance -

Connétable M.K. Jackson of St. Brelade, Representative of the Comité des Connétables
 Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour, Assistant Chief Minister
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement, Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services
 M. Jowitt, K.C., H.M. Solicitor General
 L.-M. Hart, Greffier of the States
 T. Walker, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department
 A. Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department (for items B2 and B3 only)
 K. Briden, Chief Officer, Justice and Home Affairs Department (for item B2 only)
 I. Burns, Chief Officer, Customer and Local Services Department (for item B2 only)
 R. Sainsbury, Chief Officer, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
 I. Gallichan, Chief Executive, Andium Homes (for item B3 only)
 J. Gough, Regeneration Lead, Andium Homes (for item B3 only)
 R. Johnson, Director, Health Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
 P. Wylie, Group Director of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of items A2 and B1 only)

S. Duhamel, Associate Director, Public Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
K. Posner, Associate Director for Innovation, Transformation and Business Support, Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
H. Harvey, Head of Local Economy, Department for the Economy (for item B6 only)
P. Milbank, Sector Lead – Arts, Department for the Economy (for item B6 only)
F. Walker, Head of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for item B5 only)
N. Day, Head of Strategic Housing and Regeneration (for items B3-B5 only)
A. Hamon, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Department (for part of items A2 and B1 only)
C. Kelleher, Culture and Heritage, Department for the Economy (for item B6 only)
P. Bradbury, Head of Ministerial Office
T. Mourant, Private Secretary to the Chief Ministers
K.L. Slack, Senior Secretariat Officer, States Greffe

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Parts A and B.

Declarations of interest.

A1. No declarations of interest were received in connexion with any items considered at the current meeting.

Forthcoming business.

A2. The Council discussed the following items of public business, which were scheduled to be debated by the States Assembly at the meetings on 21st May and 11th June 2024 –

Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 (P.21/2024)

It was noted that 4 amendments had been lodged to this proposition and the Council discussed those in respect of which it intended to lodge its own amendments. Ministers were reminded of both the deadline for the same and that these would require associated children's rights impact assessments;

Assisted Dying (P.18/2024)

Ministers gave consideration to the amendment, which had been lodged by the Assisted Dying Review Panel and decided that it was prepared to accept it; and

Jersey Consumer Council: Re-appointment of Chairman (P.23/2024)

The Council was informed that the constitution of the Jersey Consumer Council (JCC) had been amended (R.61/2024 referred) to extend the maximum tenure of the Chair (and JCC members) up to 9 years from the current 6 consecutive years. This was noted to align with the guidance issued by the Jersey Appointments Commission in respect of the recruitment of senior States employees and appointees and members of independent bodies. It was noted that the current Chair of the JCC had been in post for 6 years and, as his tenure had involved the fallow period of the COVID-19 pandemic, the additional 3 years would afford him the opportunity to bring his plans for the JCC to fruition.