

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Approval: Budget/Contract/Resource Allocation
Report Title	Extension of costs provision for Charity Commissioner – Dormant Bank Accounts (Jersey) Law 2017
Minister	Chief Minister
Signatory	Assistant Minister
Lead Department	Economy
Lead Directorate	Financial Services (Economy)
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or <a href="#">Absolutely/Qualified</a> Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
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Report and Supplemental Report Details	
Report Author	Associate Director – Financial Services
Date of Report	07/09/2023
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Date of Supplementary Report <i>(If applicable)</i>	Select Date of Supplemental Report.
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Relevant Case/Application/URN <i>(Only complete if making a decision related to an appeal/case/application)</i>	Insert Relevant Case/Application.
Relevant Proposition Number <i>(Only complete if presenting Comments or if lodging an Amendment)</i>	Insert P. number.
Relevant Scrutiny Report <i>(Only complete if presenting a ministerial response)</i>	Insert S.R. number.
Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	Dormant Bank Accounts (Jersey) Law 2017
Action required if recommendation agreed	Principal Legislative Drafter to be requested to draft legislation.

Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.
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### Introduction

The costs of the Jersey Charity Commissioner and his office are currently funded from the Jersey Reclaim Fund which holds the balances of dormant bank accounts. The Minister has confirmed that this funding should continue for 2024 – 2027 inclusive.

Time is required of the Legislative Drafting Office to prepare a short amendment to an existing Order to reflect the above decision.

### Recommendation

To agree the case and to request the Principal Legislative Drafter to draft the necessary legislation.

Only insert text if 'Other' selected above.

### Detail

The costs of the Jersey Charity Commissioner (JCC) and his office (the Office of the Charity Commissioner) are currently funded from the Jersey Reclaim Fund (the "Fund") which holds the balances of dormant bank accounts transferred to it from banks pursuant to the terms of the [Dormant Bank Accounts \(Jersey\) Law 2017](#) (the "DBA Law"). To ensure this funding remains in place from 1 January 2024, an amendment is required to Article 3(3) of the [Dormant Bank Accounts \(Distribution of Fund Money\) \(Jersey\) Order 2020](#) (the "2020 Order").

Article 20 of the Law specifically states that "The purposes for which the monies may be distributed are – (a) to defray the cost of the remuneration or other payment for the services of the Commissioner due under the terms of his or her appointment and the cost of providing staff, accommodation or equipment that are required for the proper and effective discharge of the Commissioner's functions; ..."

The OCC's role means that it will continue to be pivotal in maintaining a buoyant and well managed charitable sector over the coming years. Significant funding is provided to the sector from the Fund per year and this funding will be available to charities on an ongoing basis. Therefore, it is recommended that the OCC should continue to be funded from the Fund as the purpose of the Fund aligns with the primary functions of the Charity Commissioner.