

# Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Report



## Transfer of Combined Control Room (CCR) resources from States of Jersey Police (SoJP) to Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)

### 1. Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister to approve a recurring budget transfer from the SoJP head of expenditure to the JHA head of expenditure to ensure adequate coordination and oversight of CCR resources.

### 2. Background

JHA has set a strategic objective to implement a fully combined and integrated tri-service control room that is able to handle all 999 calls to the emergency services and effectively manage non-emergency demand, delivering a more cohesive, effective, and efficient service for Jersey. The CCR project was created by the combining of Police, Ambulance, and Fire & Rescue control rooms onto one location, namely at States of Jersey Police HQ (PHQ) on 29 January 2019. Capital funding has been allocated in the Government Plan 2022-25 to meet the strategic objective, specifically to cover staff development and collaboration as well as significant investment in technology including a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) solution.

The requested transfer is to ensure that the CCR will no longer directly report to multiple emergency services but will instead be a part of the JHA Directorate. It will consist of civil servants, including seconded Police Officers, with a dedicated manager, reporting directly into the JHA Director General, with operational oversight provided by the Combined Control Room Board, on which the Heads of Service sit. CCR resources within the Ambulance and Fire & Rescue Services have already been moved internally within JHA, but approval is required for a similar transfer from the SoJP being a separate head of expenditure.

The Head of Finance Business Partnering, Minister for Home Affairs, and Accountable Officers for both SoJP and JHA have all agreed to this budget transfer. The actual transfer date will be finalised once the service level agreement has been agreed, but will be no earlier than 1 April 2022.

### 3. Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the recurring budget transfer from SoJP to JHA to ensure adequate coordination and oversight of Combined Control Room resources.

### 4. Reason for Decision

Article 18(1)(a) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that a specified amount appropriated for one head of expenditure may, with the approval of the Minister for Treasury and Resources, be used for the purposes of another head of expenditure that is set out in the government plan.

Article 18(4) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that the Minister shall give the States Assembly at least 4 weeks' notice before an amount is transferred under paragraph (1)(a).

Article 18(5) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 states that if a direction under this Article would affect a head of expenditure that relates to the responsibilities of any Minister, that Minister must be consulted before the direction is made. The Minister for Home Affairs has been consulted.

To comply with P.67/1999 which charges the Minister for Treasury and Resources to regulate the number of persons that may be employed by the States.

## 5. Resource Implications

The SoJP head of expenditure will decrease while the JHA head of expenditure will increase by 10 FTE and the following amounts for the specified years:

<b>2022</b> £	<b>2023</b> £	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2025</b> £
Up to 437,000	583,000	583,000	583,000

This decision does not change the total amount of expenditure approved by the States in the Government Plan for 2022-25. Transfers from 2023 onwards will be reflected in the Government Plan 2023-2026.